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http://hanada.coln.biz/diagram/realpart/topmenu.html

D E V I L S ' L I N E

CCC



KEN'ICHI YOSHII (Zero Nine)

Responsible for all development, he has a crush on Zero Seven and left the CCC with her, and is assisting F Squad with their investigation.



NANAKO TENJO (Zero Seven)

Was a CCC sniper, but deserted and is now being pursued by both the CCC and the police. Agreed to assist F Squad's investigation along with Zero Nine.



MAYU SUMIMORI (Eleven)

Responsible for accounting and intelligence gathering, she's not very good at detail work and makes a lot of mistakes. Used to like Kikuhara, but is now interested in Makimura.

MPD PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION 5

C SQUAD



NAOYA USHIO (Zero Five)

A member of the CCC along with Kikuhara and Makimura. He attacked Tsukasa in a hotel.

B SQUAD



TAKESHI MAKIMURA (Zero Six)

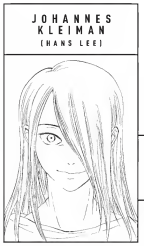
Secretly a member of the CCC. He previously instructed Zero Seven in sniping.

A SQUAD



KIRIO KIKUHARA (Zero Two)

The leader of A Squad, he's also secretly the commander of the CCC, an organization dedicated to the extermination of devils.



JOHANNES KLEIMAN (HANS LEE)

Half-devil, half-human, he's currently working with F Squad. Like Anzai, he is also from ONLO.

Friends



TSUKASA TAIRA

First year Master's student in Keio University's graduate program. She's good at cooking and crafts. Her favorite food is sardines with grated daikon.

From ONLO

Working together



YUUKI ANZAI

Half-devil, half-human police officer, he was pessimistic regarding the coexistence of devils and humans, but his thinking has been changing since he met Tsukasa.



MEGUMI ISHIMARU

New F Squad leader. Came to F Squad at the recommendation of Kikuhara (Zero Two), who he secretly reports to.



TAKASHI SAWAZAKI

Former F Squad leader, his inability to control his devil subordinates was regarded as problematic, and he was demoted from his position as leader.



YOUSUKE ASAMI

A member of Investigation Division 1, he was assigned temporarily to Public Safety Division 5, where he is part of the ongoing investigation.



JULIANA LLOYD

Devil police officer. Born and raised in Japan. She skillfully uses make-up to hide the bags under her eyes.



RYUUSEI YANAGI

Doctor attached to F Squad specializing in the hematology of the redeye race (devils), he was apparently a punk in his youth.

Acquaintance



AKIO KANO

Psychosomatic doctor specializing in devil care, he is also a member of R2PC, a committee that works to protect devil rights.

Story

In a world where devils with blood-lust are secretly mixed in among the human population, graduate student Tsukasa Taira meets the half-devil half-human detective Yuuki Anzai, and they're immediately attracted to each other. But Anzai and Tsukasa's lives are in danger due to the secret maneuverings of the CCC, an organization intent on the annihilation of all devils. After many twists and turns, the two finally start dating. In the meantime, Ishimaru takes over the division Anzai belongs to, Public Safety Division 5's F Squad, which was previously led by Sawazaki. Ishimaru opens a thorough investigation into the CCC. The battle between the CCC and F Squad, full of half-truths and falsehoods, has begun.

Line 33 005
Children

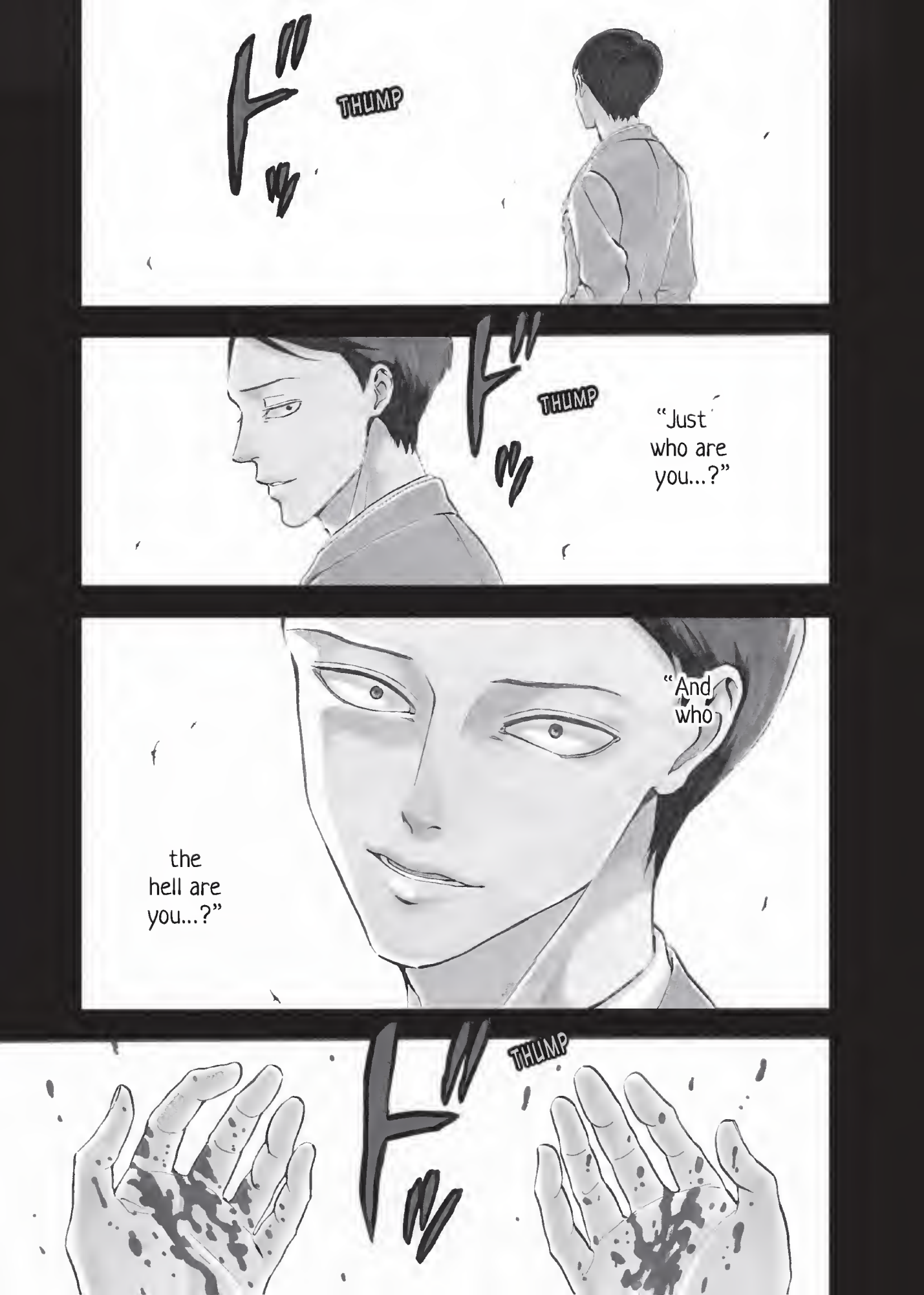
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Outsider

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Inferno

Line 36 131
Ouroboros

Line 37 171
Second End

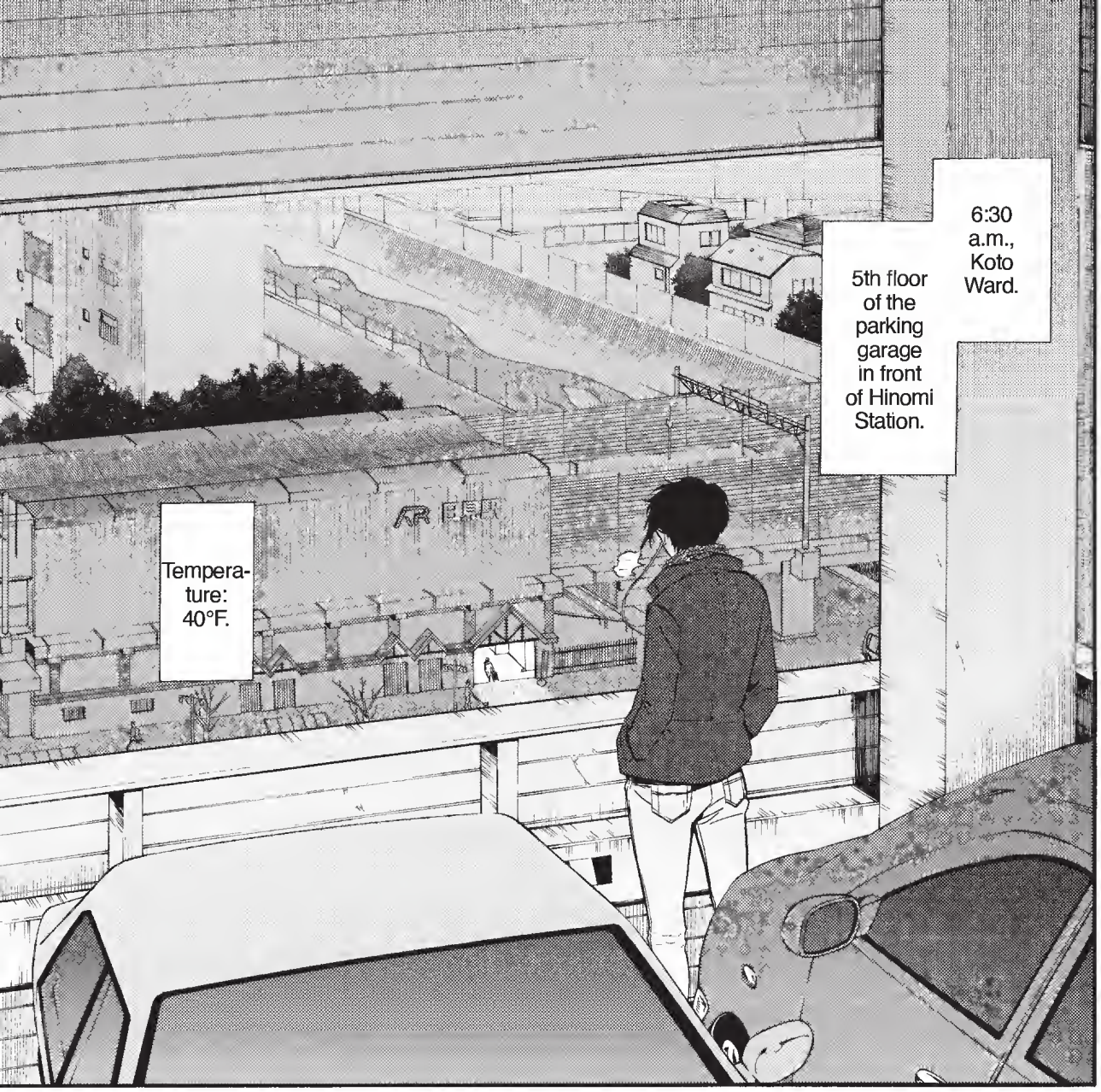
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CUT


THUMP
THUMP
"Just who are you...?"
"And who the hell are you...?"
THUMP

Line 33
Children

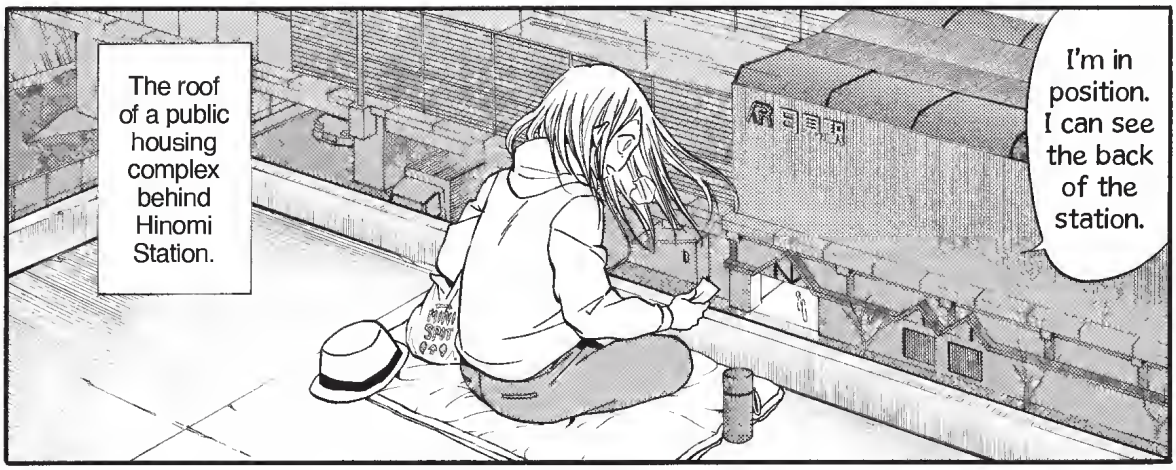



HAAH
...
The day after the fire,
February 14.


6:30 a.m., Koto Ward.
5th floor of the parking garage in front of Hinomi Station.
Tempera-ture: 40°F.

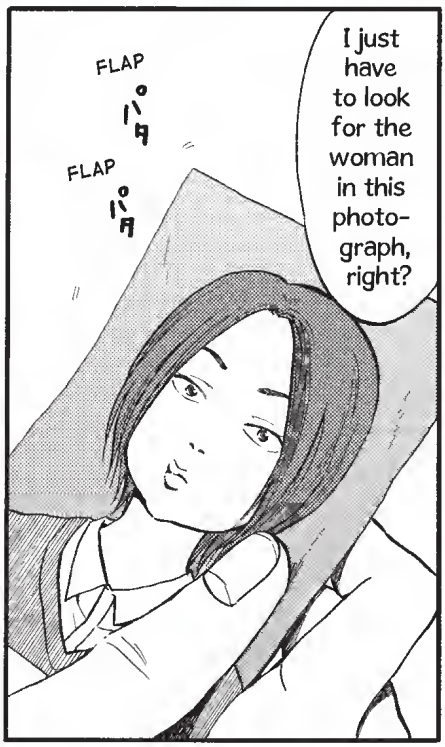

You sure you don't want anything to eat?
... I'm not hungry.

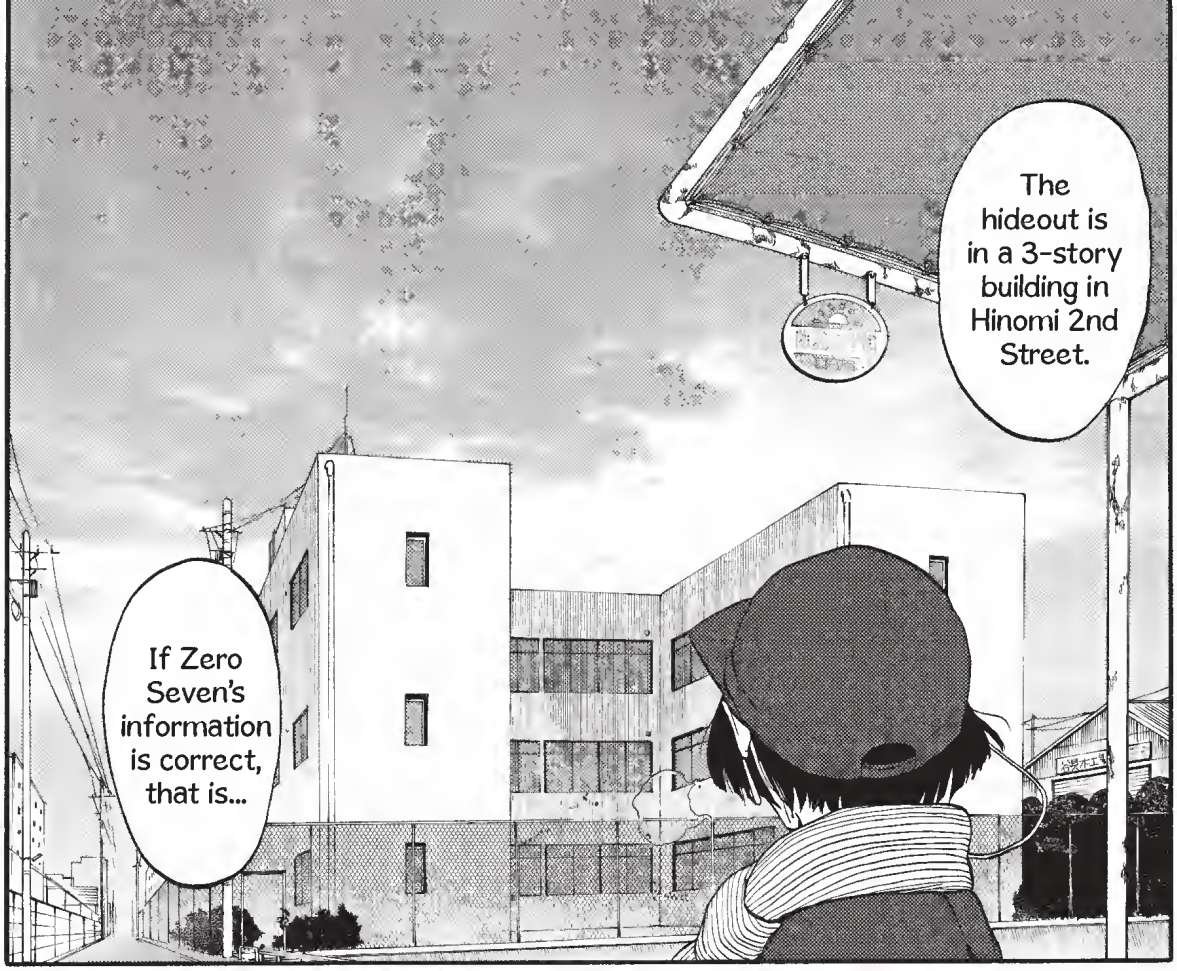

KZZK
This is Hans Lee. This is Hans Lee.
No... I've been having bad dreams so I'm just tired.
Thanks.
Vitamin jelly?
You not feeling well?


The roof of a public housing complex behind Hinomi Station.
I'm in position. I can see the back of the station.


She ran away from home last year and is now living in the hideout.
The third of four daughters of the Sumimori Conglo-merate.
KLOP

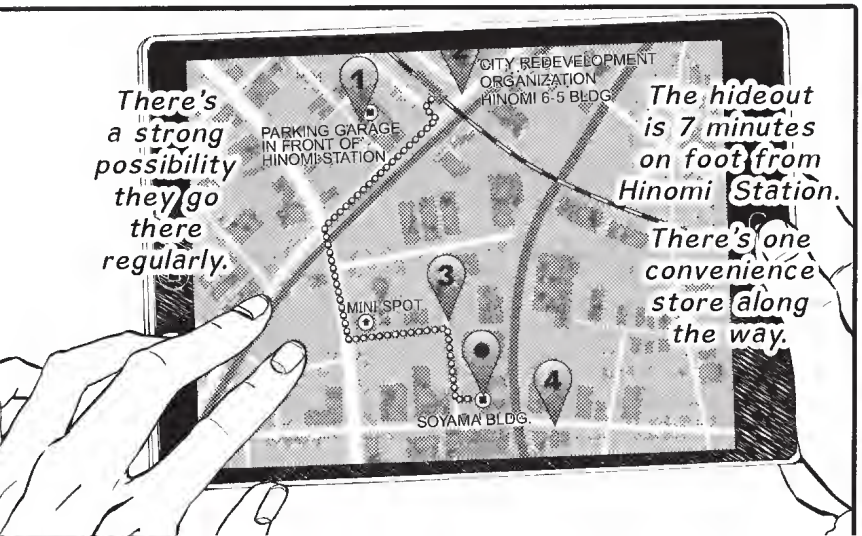

Right.
The target is Mayu Sumimori, age 26. Her hair is blue.


FLAP
FLAP
I just have to look for the woman in this photo-graph, right?

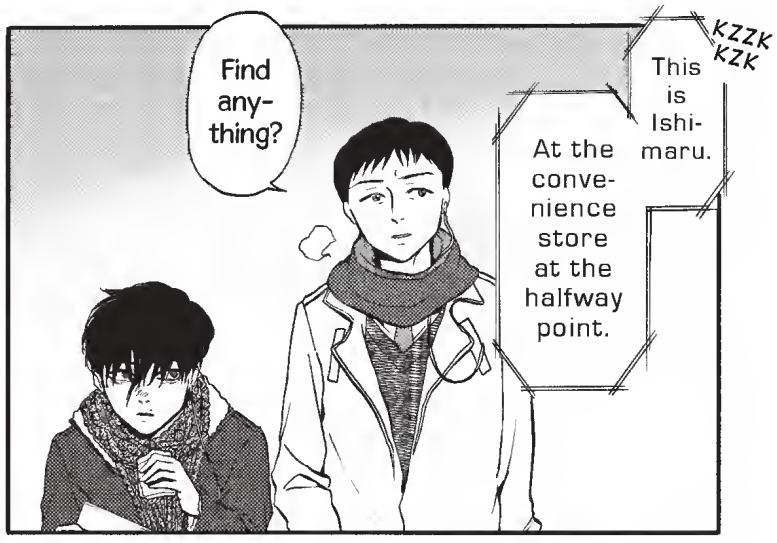

The hideout is in a 3-story building in Hinomi 2nd Street.
If Zero Seven's information is correct, that is...

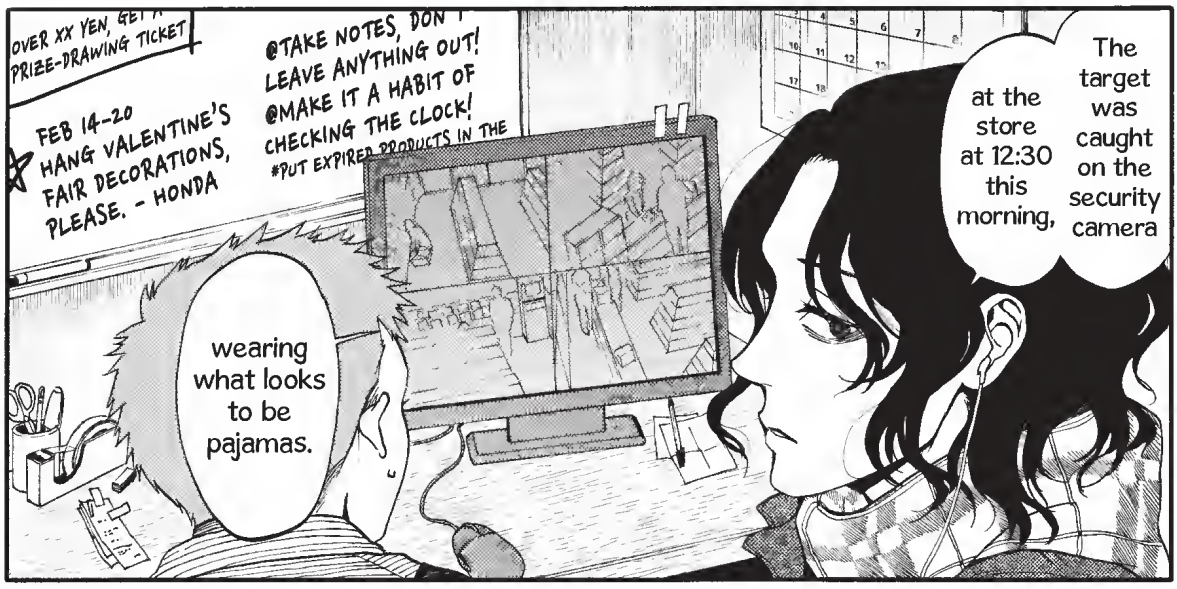

Yanagi will join you by car in a bit.
I'll watch the back door.
Don't worry. I'm not packing a rifle or anything.


I'm going to start lying now?
I'm at the bus stop behind the building.
And you have ...?


There's a strong possibility they go there regularly.
CITY REDEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION HINOMI 6-5 BLDG.
PARKING GARAGE IN FRONT OF HINOMI STATION
The hideout is 7 minutes on foot from Hinomi Station.
There's one convenience store along the way.
MINI SPOT
SOYAMA BLDG.
1
3
4


It was worth coming in the morning.
Something big.


Find anything?
At the convenience store at the halfway point.
This is Ishimaru.
KZZK KZK

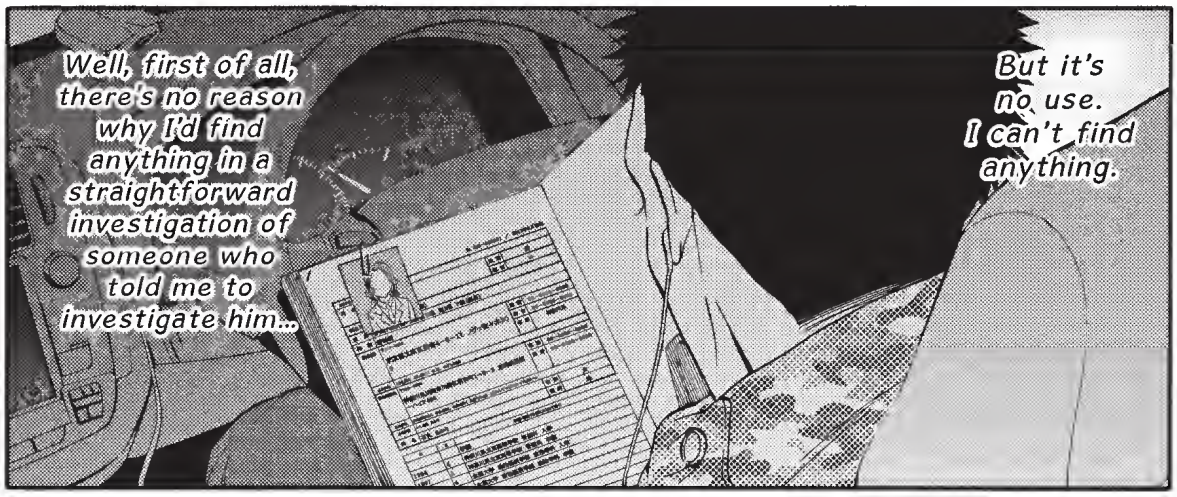

OVER XX YEN, GET A PRIZE-DRAWING TICKET
FEB 14-20 HANG VALENTINE'S FAIR DECORATIONS, PLEASE. - HONDA
@TAKE NOTES, DON'T LEAVE ANYTHING OUT!
@MAKE IT A HABIT OF CHECKING THE CLOCK!
#PUT EXPIRED PRODUCTS IN THE
wearing what looks to be pajamas.
at the store at 12:30 this morning,
The target was caught on the security camera


If there's a big group keeping watch now when so few people are around, it'll draw attention.
No. We're not ready to raid the hideout yet.


So then it's likely she was at the hideout last night.
Should we go over there ...?

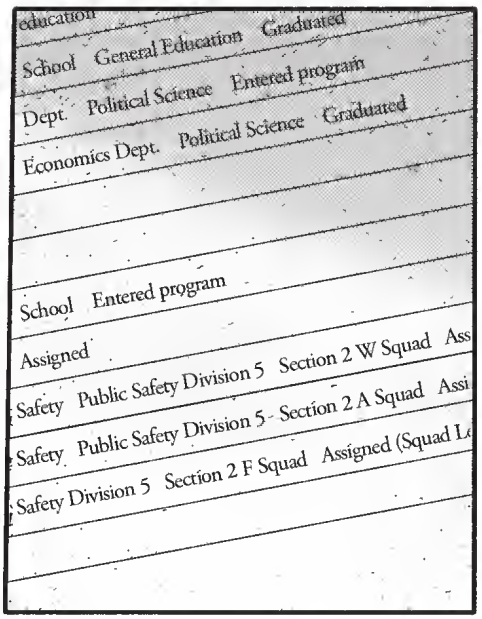


※ Soy sauce-based stew





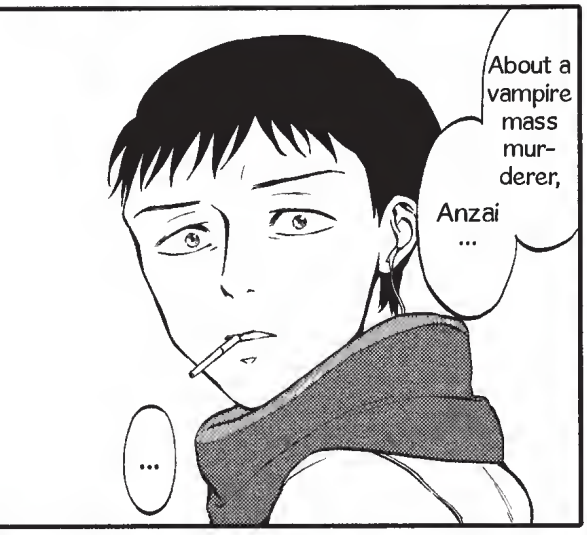





Hm ?
Hmm Hmmm
Hmm Hmmm
KOZUOTSU
I heard you saw Kikuhara last night.
Don't push yourself too hard.
Kano told me a little.
Yeah. Is this about my memory ...?


not being able to remember unless you transform.
Yeah... But yesterday,
just by seeing Kikuhara, I remembered something odd.


Thank you.
But it *is* a strange thing ...

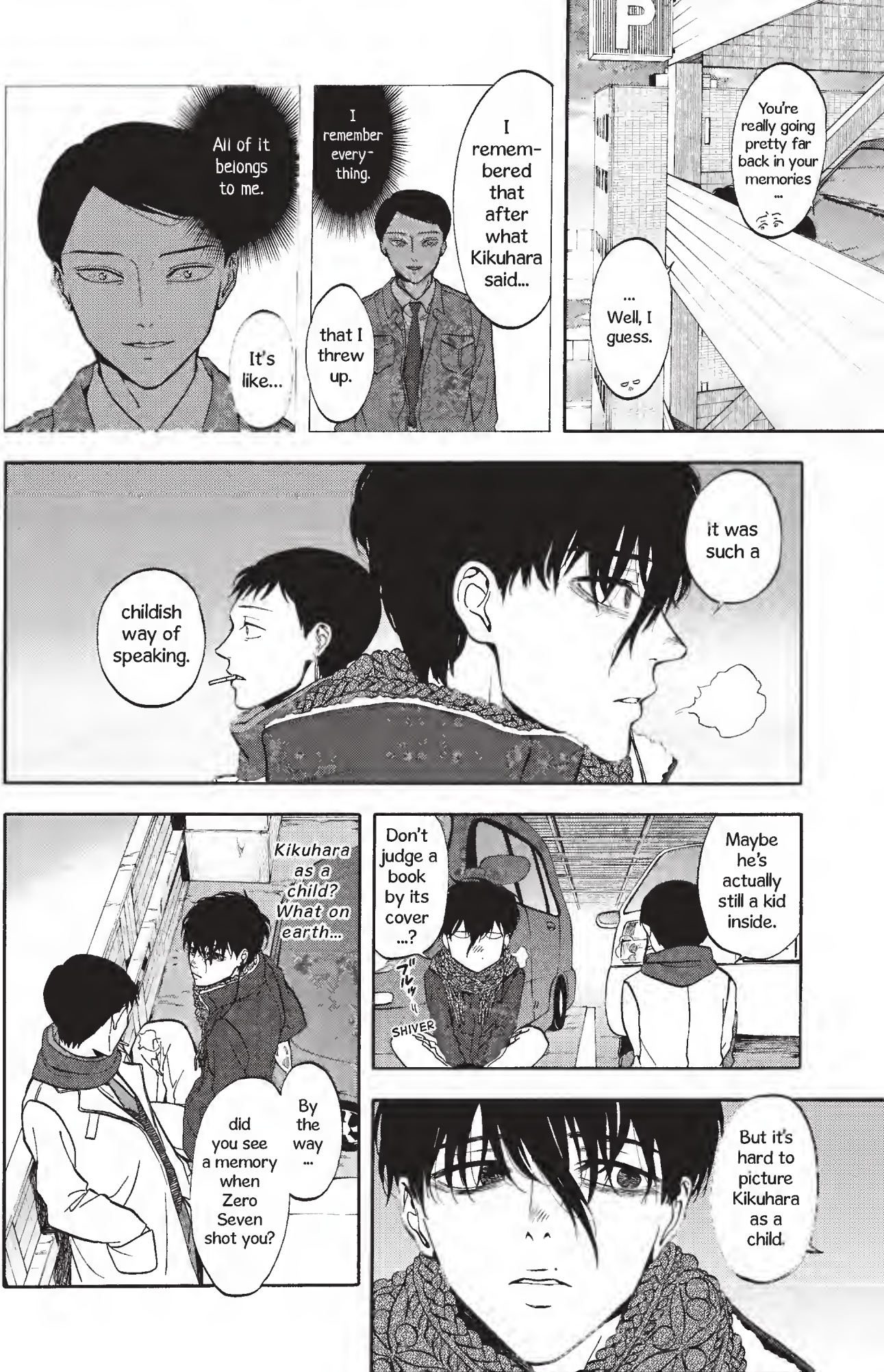

About a vampire mass murderer, Anzai ...
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It seems Kikuhara came to ONLO for an investigation when he was younger.
Something odd?


Threw up?
when I was a kid...
Also, I feel like I threw up,

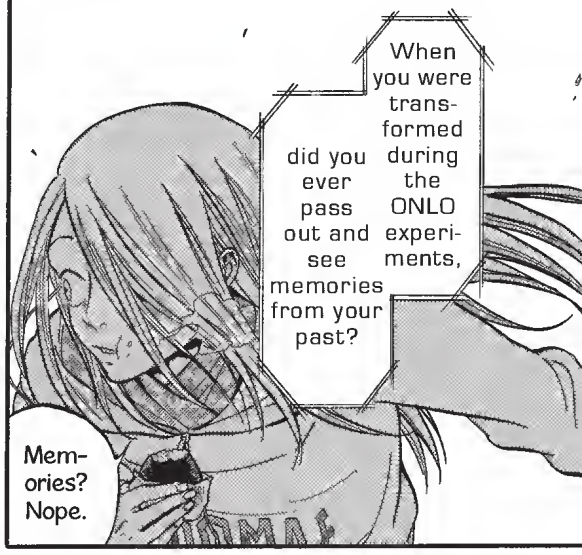



Well, I don't really know...


You're really going pretty far back in your memories ...
... Well, I guess.
I remember every-thing.
I remem-bered that after what Kikuhara said...
that I threw up.
All of it belongs to me.
It's like...
it was such a
childish way of speaking.
Kikuhara as a child? What on earth...
By the way ...
did you see a memory when Zero Seven shot you?
Don't judge a book by its cover ...?
SHIVER
Maybe he's actually still a kid inside.
But it's hard to picture Kikuhara as a child.

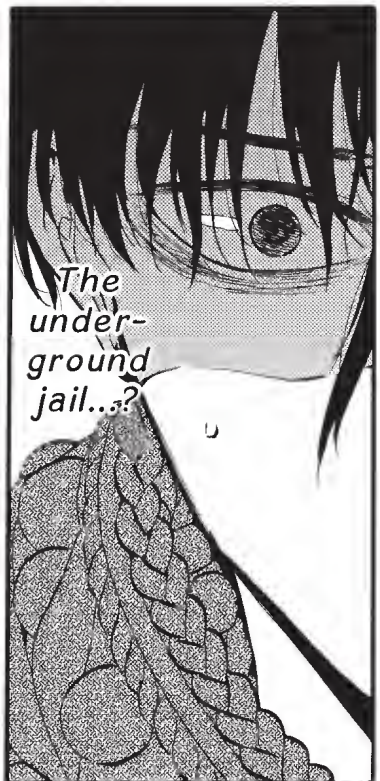

But it's hard to tell whether it's an accurate memory.
I feel like Tsukasa even showed up at some point...
I was shot, Lee made me drink blood,
I passed out...
Yeah... that was actually the first time.
They also used him for many years in experiments on wound healing.
It says Lee was born at ONLO,
part of an experiment in hybrid births.
Oh... the one Jill wrote?
You haven't seen the report from Lee's interrogation yet, have you?
BIP
Lee, can you hear me?
Hm? Yes.
Huh ...?
Oh... I guess.
They would hurt him, make him drink blood, and then assess how he healed.
Should we ask Lee if he sees memories like you do?


An experiment in hybrid births ...
Really ...?
And when I did, I had random dreams that I forgot when I woke up.
MNCH MNCH
I've only rarely passed out, to start with.

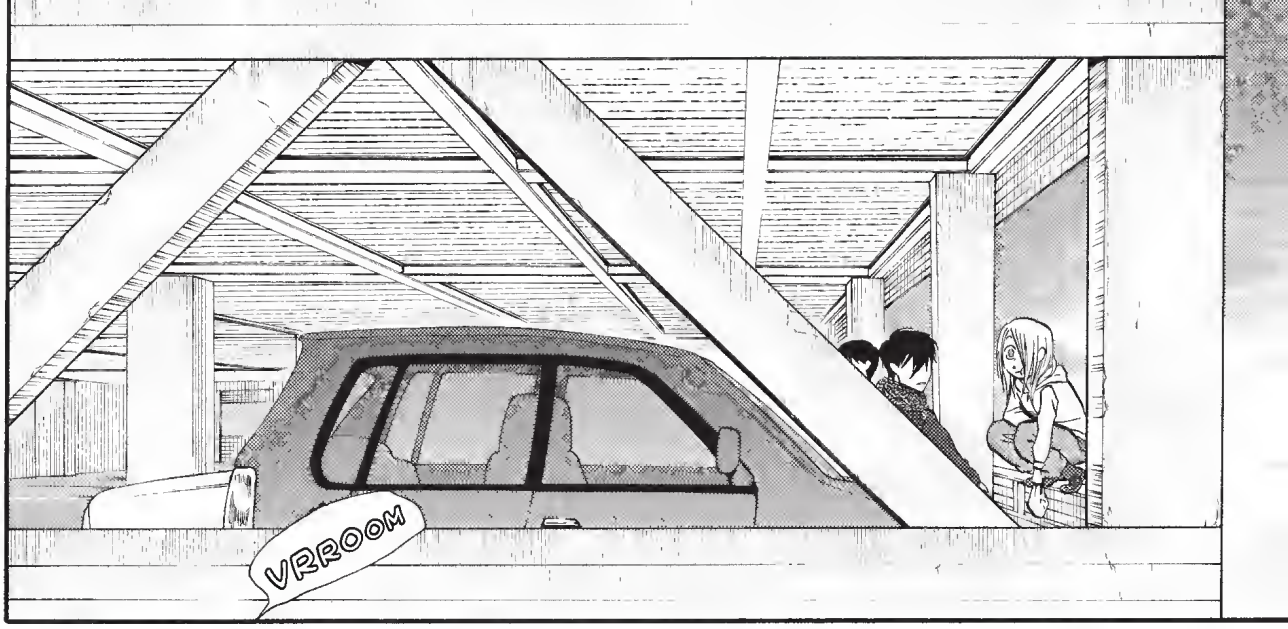

When you were transformed during the ONLO experiments, did you ever pass out and see memories from your past?
Memories? Nope.

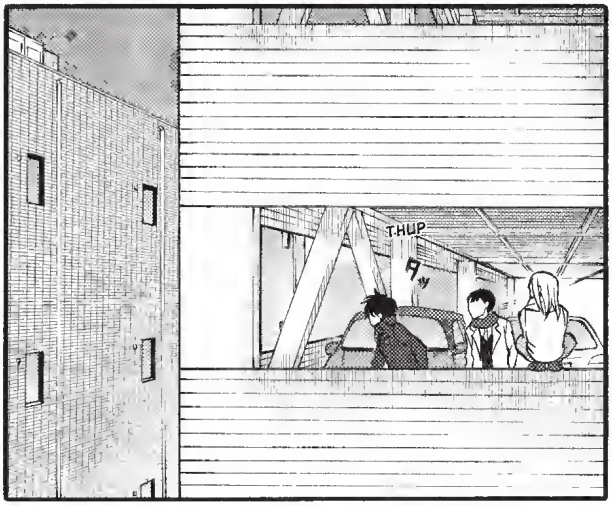

Where at ONLO could they do that...
There weren't any buildings that big there, even including the high school at the orphanage.
The Hybrid Birth Plan.
And experiments in wound healing on top of that?

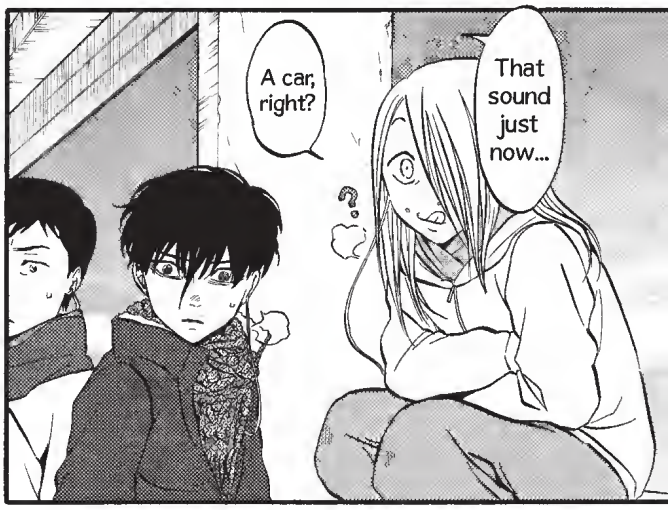

What's wrong?
I'm an orphan. I never knew my parents. Why would I know that I was half—
And I...
I'm a half-devil raised at ONLO, aren't I?


The underground jail...?


Ho jusht nou (So just now)
Your post...
MFF
MFF
THUP
Huth's hong? (What's wrong?)
?!
What ?!
Fo' jusht a shek (for just a sec)
GULP
some-one with blue hair glanced over this way.
Anzai, you keep watch from above.
I'm going down.
LEAP
I feel like I saw her,
but maybe it was my imagi-nation.
...
Got it—
BTAM

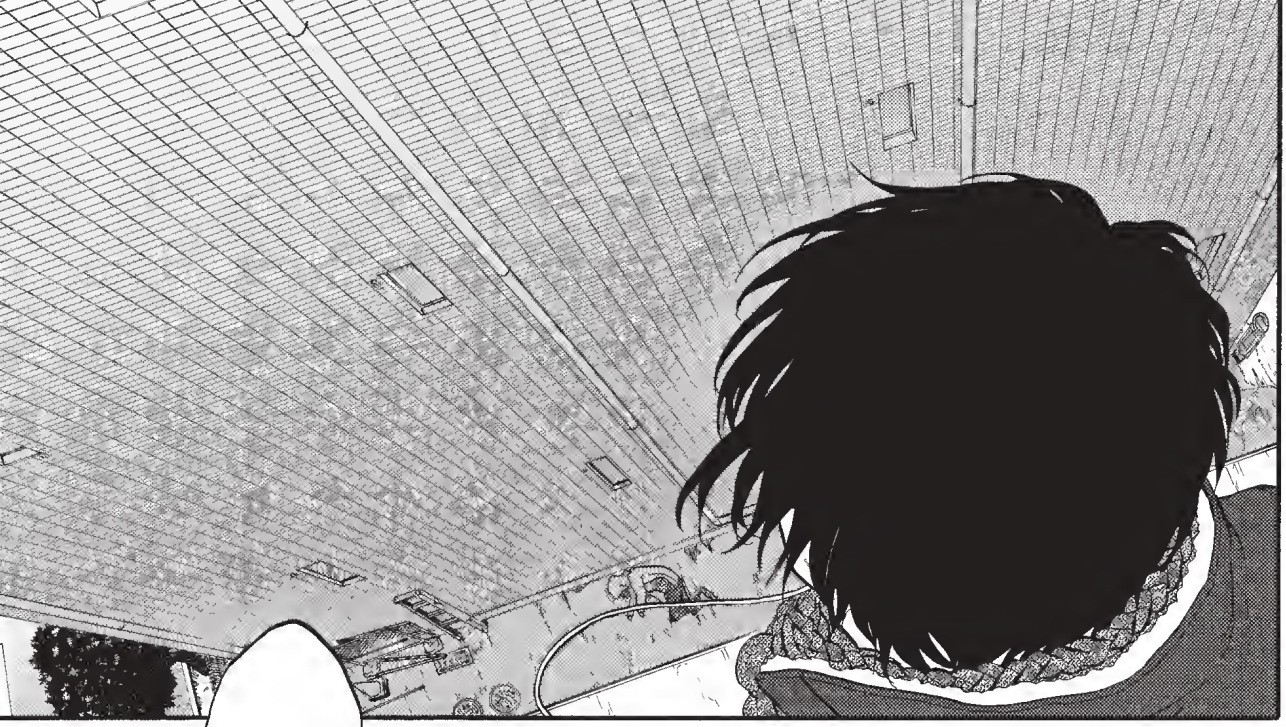

VRROOM

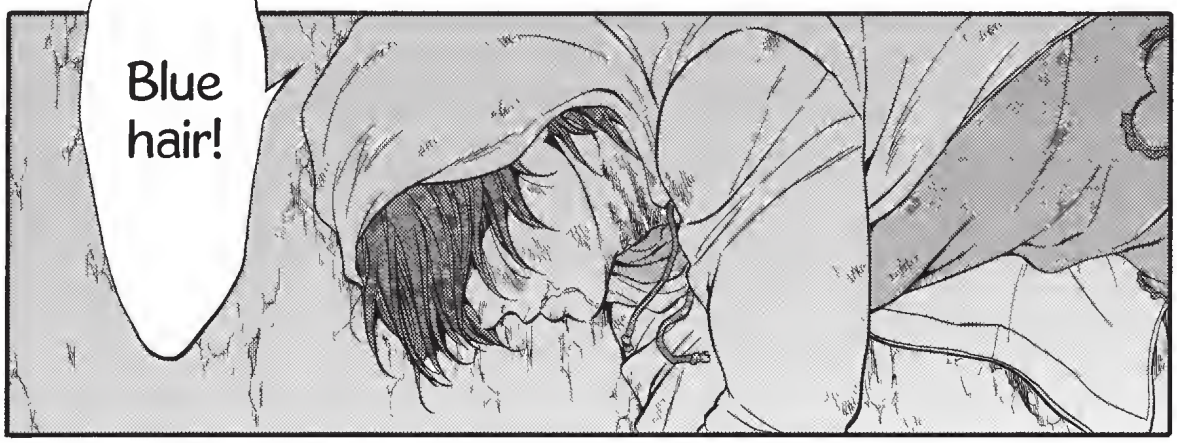

THUP


A car, right?
That sound just now...




BAM

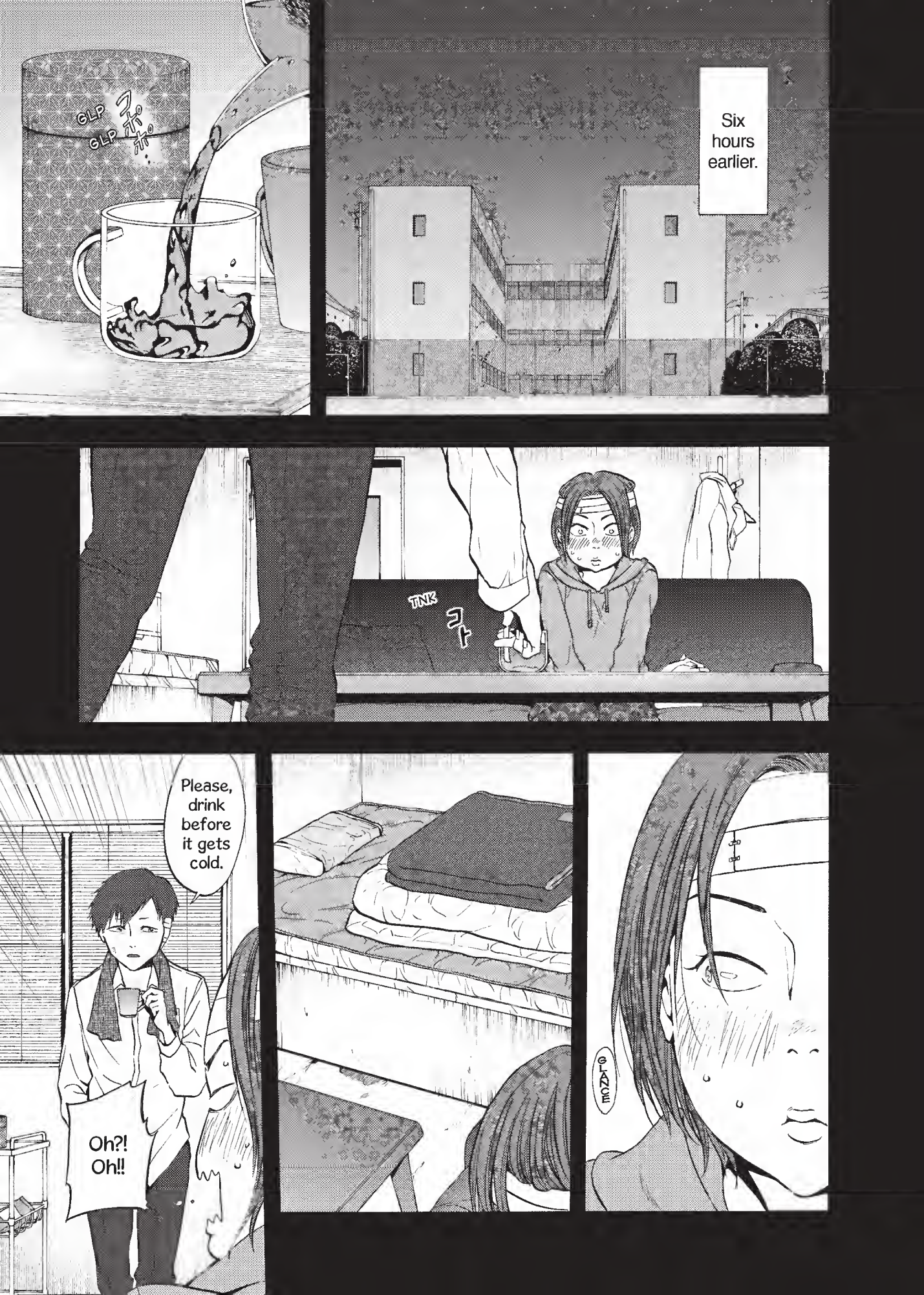



Blue hair!


Huh?
Oh! Roger!
Lee, go look for the car that just left.
LEAP


Shit!
Get down there, Anzai!


This is Sawazaki, at Point A.
We've found target S.
Unclear if she's dead or alive.
Point A.
Un-known if she's dead or alive.
I repeat: Target S found.

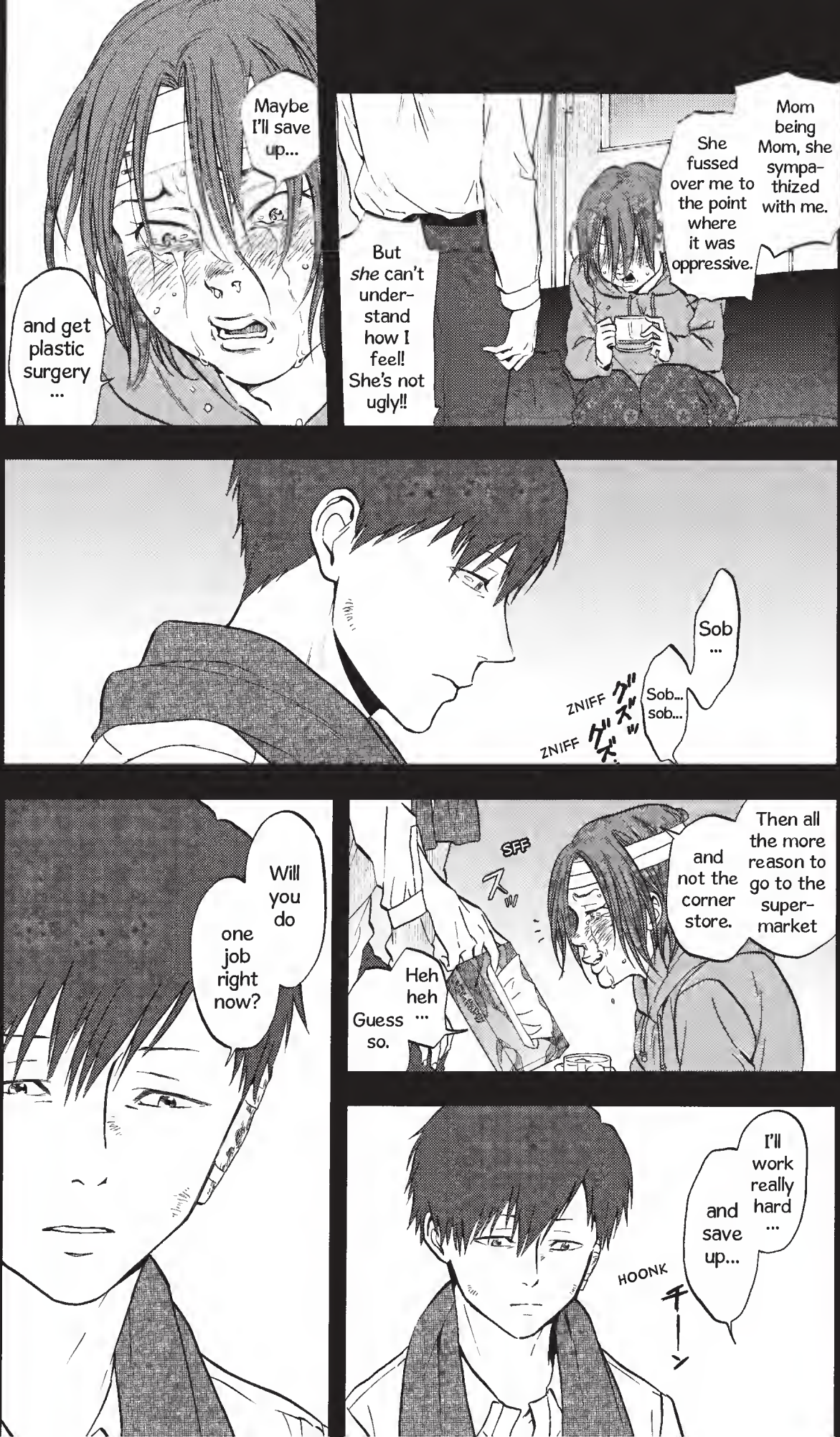

GLP
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Six hours earlier.
TINK
GLANCE
Please, drink before it gets cold.
Oh?! Oh!!


But... wow, you use a teapot to make tea!!
Kinda like the good old days!!
Huh?
You can buy tea at the corner store in plastic bottles.
Ah, hot!
Isn't that just the way you live?
Corner store ...
FWOO
FWOO
No, these days, you buy bottled tea.
Wait, is this a gener-ational thing?
26 years old
37 years old
?!
Wait, how old are you, Zero Six?
37.
Whaat?! You're way older than I thought!!
NO WAAAAY
I figured maybe 29 or 30...
You don't look 26 yourself.
And there are tons of people in their 20's and even their teens who can make tea.
For real?!
NO, NO WAAAAY
Whaaat?!
You're probably the only one in Japan who doesn't.


Heh ...
PFFT
...?!
Aah. I said it, but it was still funny...
Whoa. He laughed.
BADUM
Crap. This feeling...
What ?!
I have Level 2 book-keeping, too...
NO WAAAAY
That's got nothin' to do with it ...
You're the accountant, but you don't care about money?
And, anyway, I have Level 2 book-keeping certification.
Crap.
Oh, crap.
You could just go to the super-market by the station.
It's cheaper than the corner store.
Th-the corner store's closer ...


The feeling when I start liking someone ...
But that's great you managed to get Level 2.
I couldn't find a job, and I was hiding away in my house all the time...
Daddy knew Zero Two, so...
Why did you join the CCC?
Huh ?!
Oh, no big reason ...
He said there was nothing to worry about, that I should go work for Zero Two and do as he said.
To be honest, I hadn't really given a job serious thought.
But Zero Two said...
Looking forward to it, Mayu.
or some-thing like that...


Ha!!
Daddy wouldn't let my older sisters Mana and Kaori, or my little sister Mio rent an apartment...
He told them to commute from home!
To come back even when they get married!
So I was chased out of the house.
They probably meant it as tough love.
He fawns over them, but he never says that stuff to me!!
Wasn't it because you'd stay at home without him saying anything?
That's not the point ...
Mana and Kaori and Mio...
even Daddy and Mom, they're all beautiful.
It's just me.
When he's drunk, Daddy says I take after my dead grandma,
that I'm ugly, that I'm hard on the eyes ...

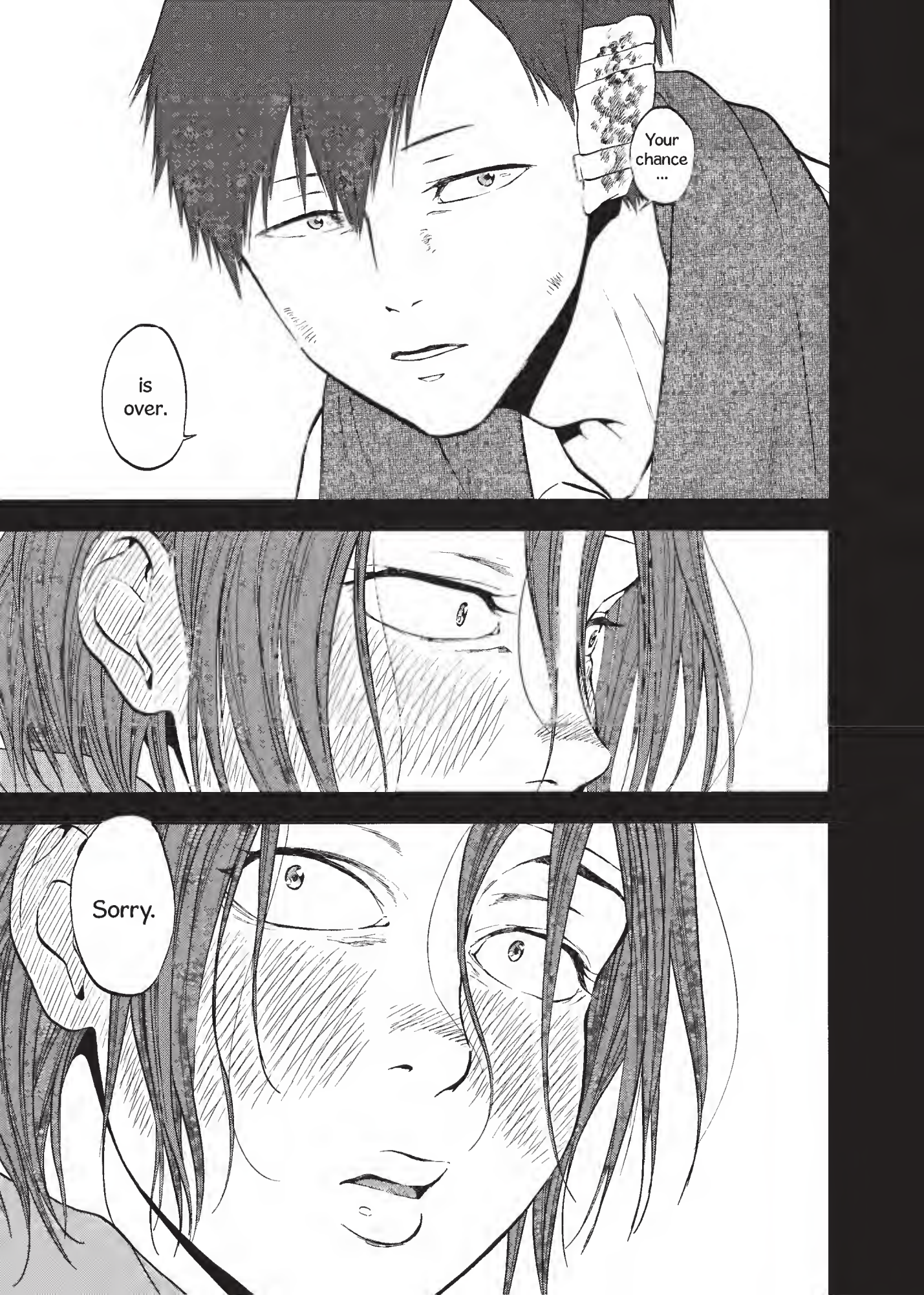

Maybe I'll save up...
and get plastic surgery ...
Mom being Mom, she sympathized with me.
She fussed over me to the point where it was oppressive.
But *she* can't understand how I feel! She's not ugly!!
Sob ...
Sob... sob...
ZNIFF グズッ
ZNIFF グズ
Will you do one job right now?
SFF ズル
Then all the more reason to go to the supermarket
and not the corner store.
Heh heh ...
Guess so.
I'll work really hard ...
and save up...
HOONK チーン


Oh, I didn't get the details.
KLATTER
ガタン
Transfer all the data...?
Are we moving the hide-out?
You got bored after screwing him once?
That is not it!
Aah.
That's... well, uhm.
Huh?
It's an order from your beloved Zero Two.
KLK
KLK
... But, well, I guess I still like him.
As handsome as Zero Two is, he seems fine with my face.
You make a lot of mistakes, though ...
So, well, that put a damper on things...
There were, like, mistakes in Plan B, right?
...


You're pretty cute, you know.
...
What? Really?!
To be honest, I've never been bothered by your face, either.
"Fine" ...
Anyway, hurry up and get to work.
BWOOSH
...?!
SWAY
?
Is there a chance?! Do I have a chance?!
It's pretty late. Are you tired?
KLAK KLAK KLAK KLAK
Oh... it's already 1 a.m.
No wonder I suddenly feel so sleepy.
Don't fall asleep on the job.


Do you know his real name?
Nope ...
But, like, has he ever even come here?
Have you ever met Jason?
Whuh ?
So, you...
As if I'd fall asleep. I'm not a kid...
SHF
It's like a girl's name ...
Ishi... some-thing.
Aah. That was the first one I entered onto the list...
Uhm ...
KREE
Real name ...?
Okay. It's ready ...
Wait another 10 min-utes and it'll be done...
DROWSE
...
...
KLAK
KLAK
TAK
Oh... Ohh. This was the name.
Your hand-writ-ing's good.
Here.
SKRT
SKRT

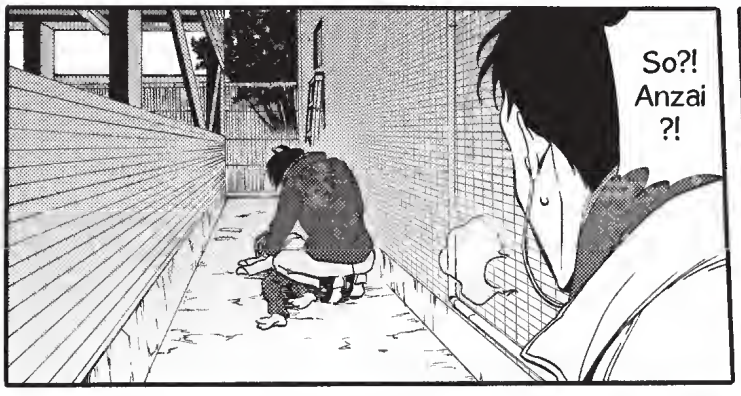

Your skin's pretty fair...
D...
Do I have a chance ...?
...
Hey.


Your chance ...
is over.
Sorry.


HNGH
KKEF
HNGF
I feel so heavy ...
SLAMM
WHUMP


Oh.
HNGGEF
This...
So I was wrong... Oh...
And here I thought things were headed in a good direction...
I don't get it...
But why do I have to be killed...
But I just... feel so heavy... This sucks...
Getting all carried away by myself, so stupid...

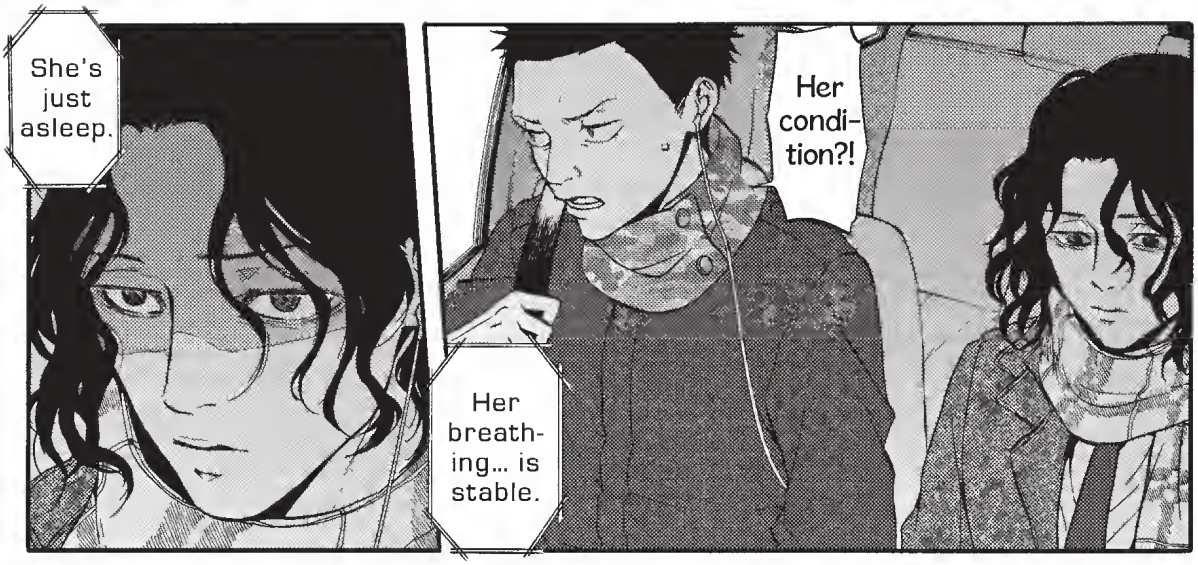

So tired...

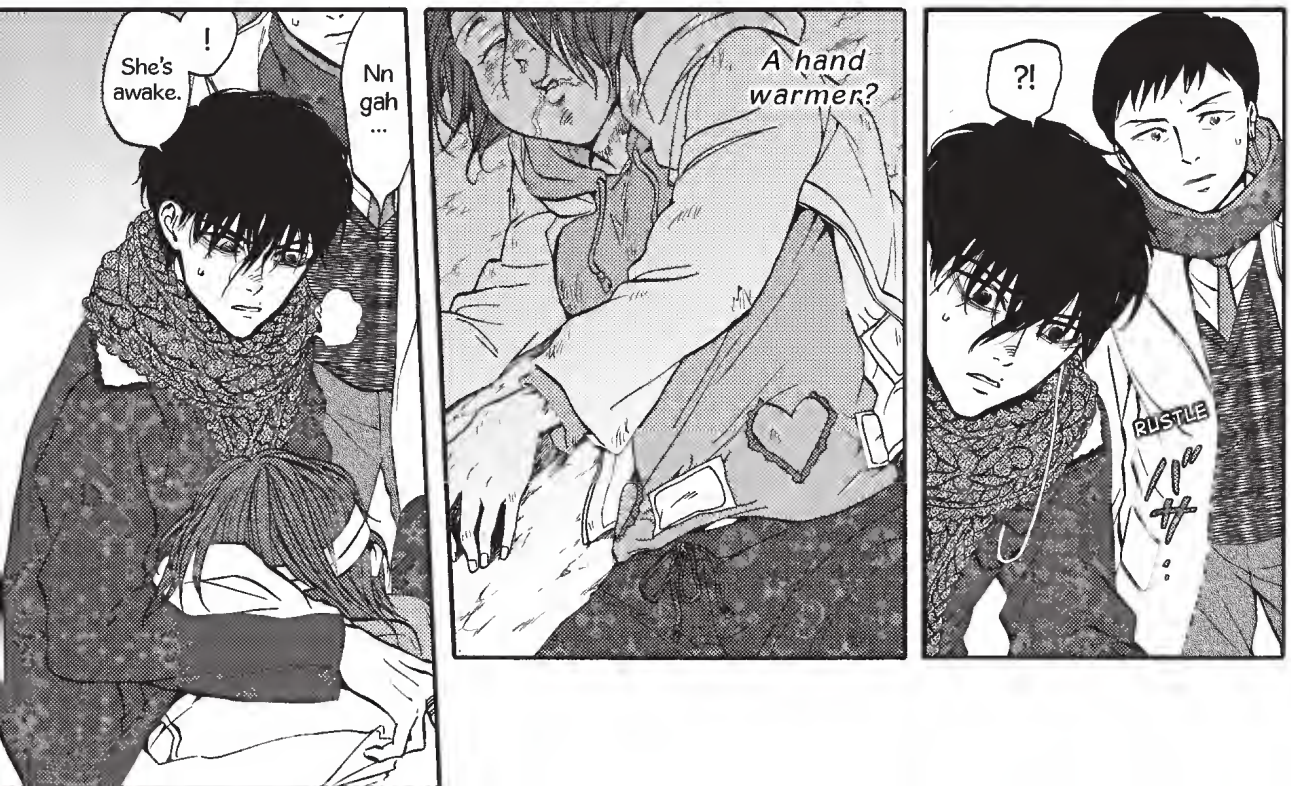

So?! Anzai ?!


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She's alive.

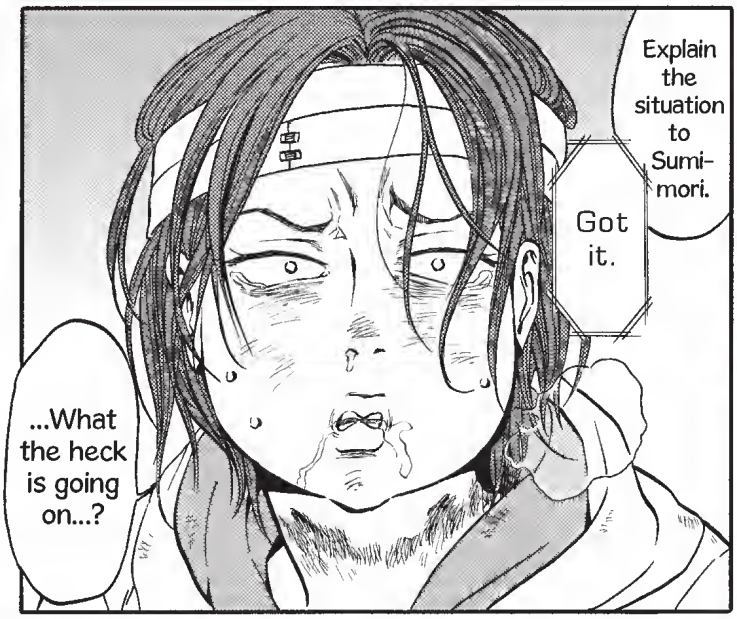



She's just asleep.
Her condi-tion?!
Her breath-ing... is stable.


She's awake.
!
Nn gah ...
A hand warmer?
?!
RUSTLE


Nwaaa ?
Who're you...?
JUMP
Public Safety.
What hap-pened?
Public Safety.
?!
What are you talking about?
No!! I don't wanna be killed!!
AAAAAGH
Did Zero Six tell you to come?!
?!
What the?!
AAAAAGH


Mayu Sumimori.
We just want your help,
We're not gonna kill you!!

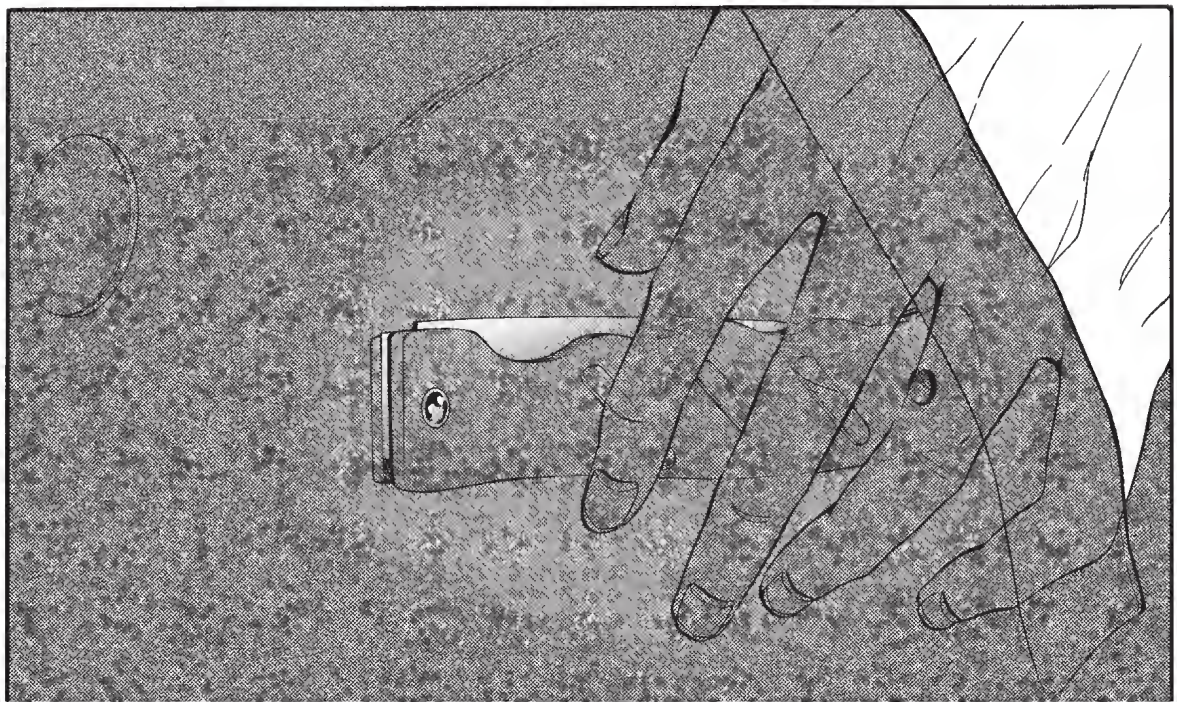

Explain the situation to Sumi-mori.
Got it.
...What the heck is going on...?


Zero Seven, you and Yanagi get over here.
In the alley by the parking garage.


Why am I alive...?

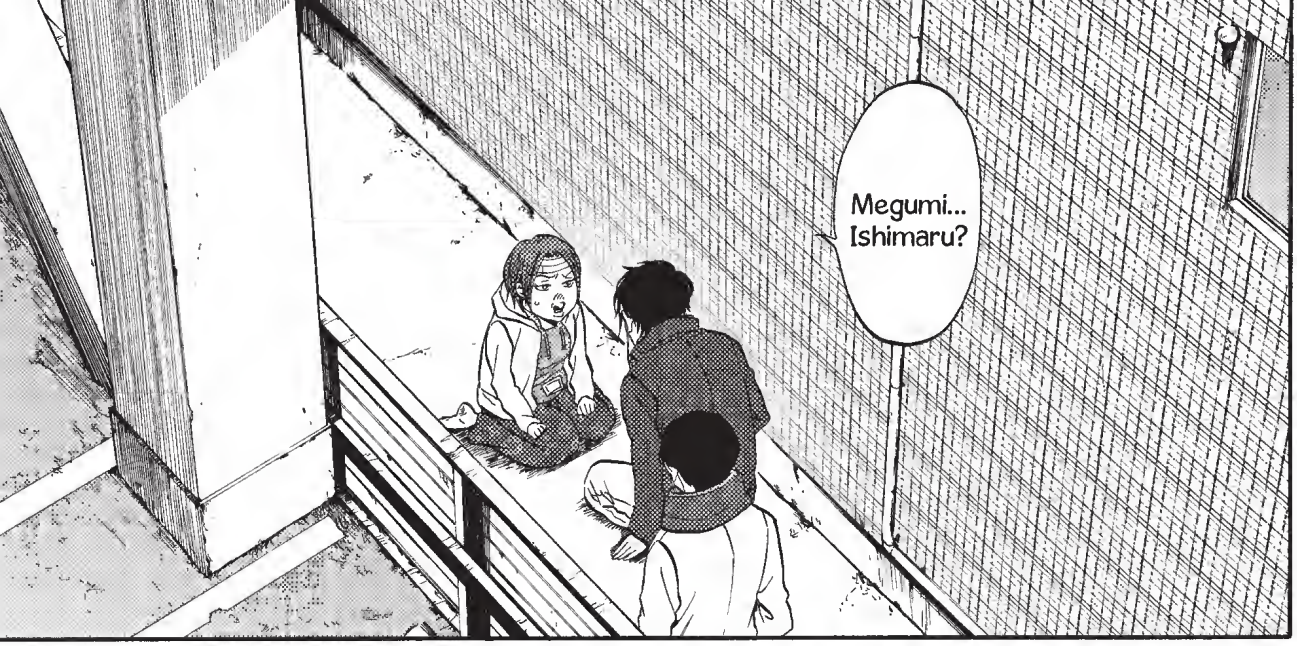

What are those marks on your neck?
Huh? Oh, I was strangled ...
Huh ?

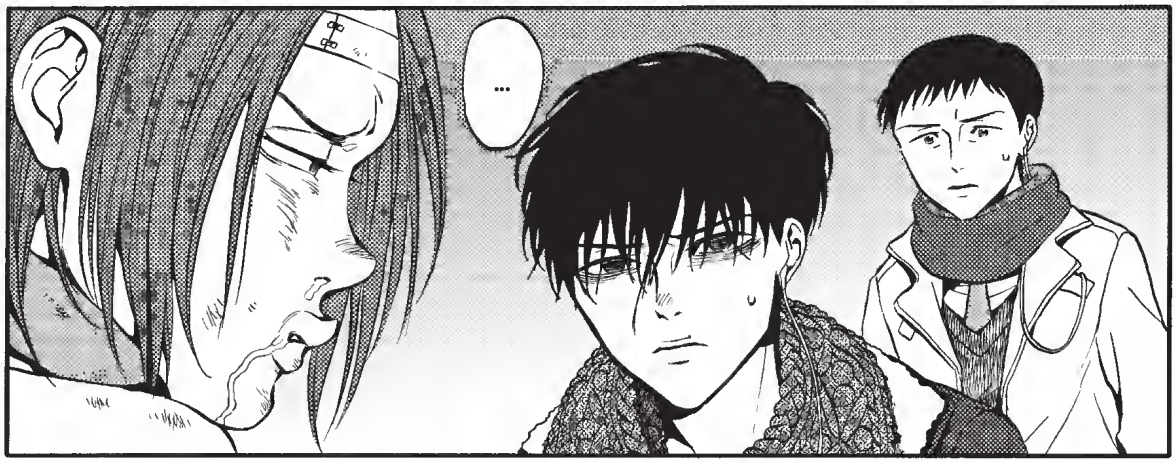

Take your hand out of your pocket.

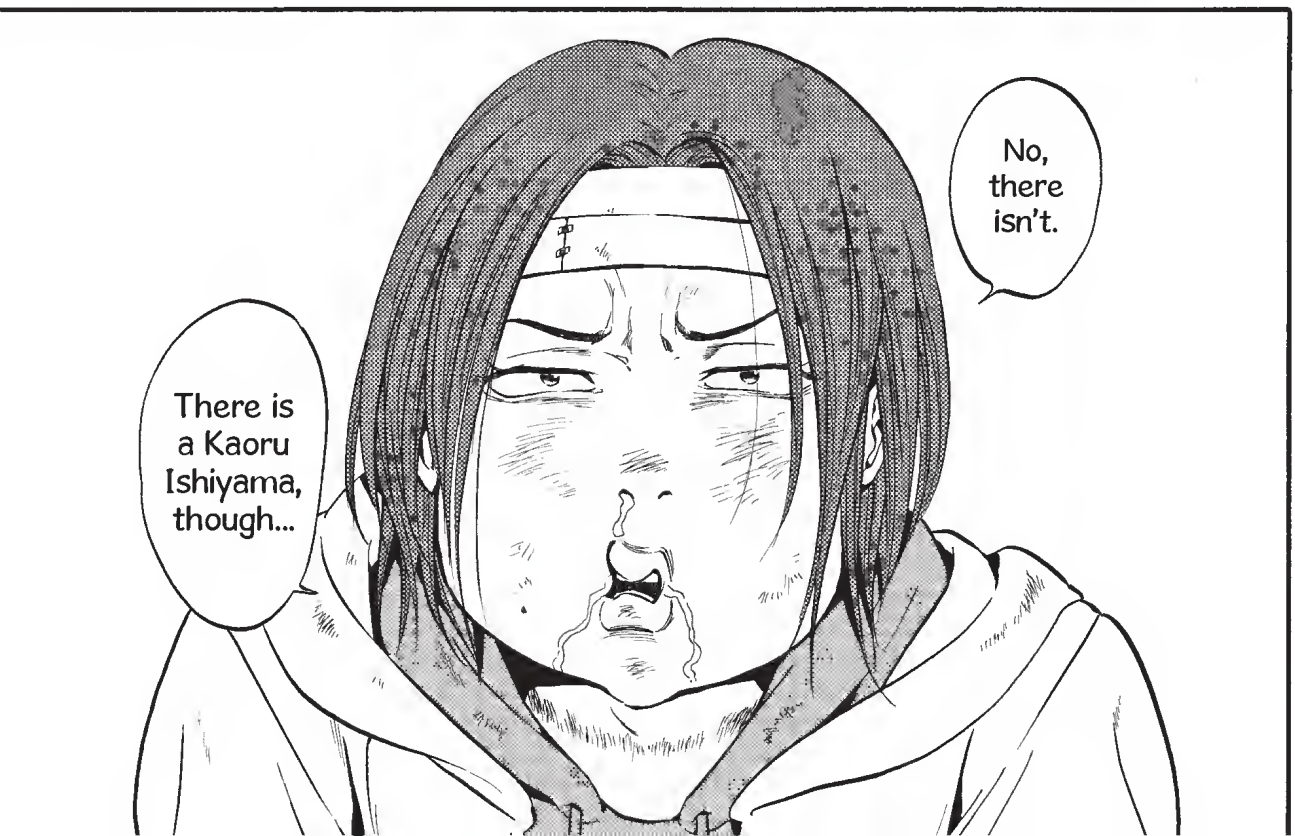



I want to clear this up right now.
Anzai! Ask Sumi-mori
if Ishimaru is in the CCC or not!
We'll protect you,
so please answer honestly.
Is there a man called Megumi Ishimaru
in the CCC?



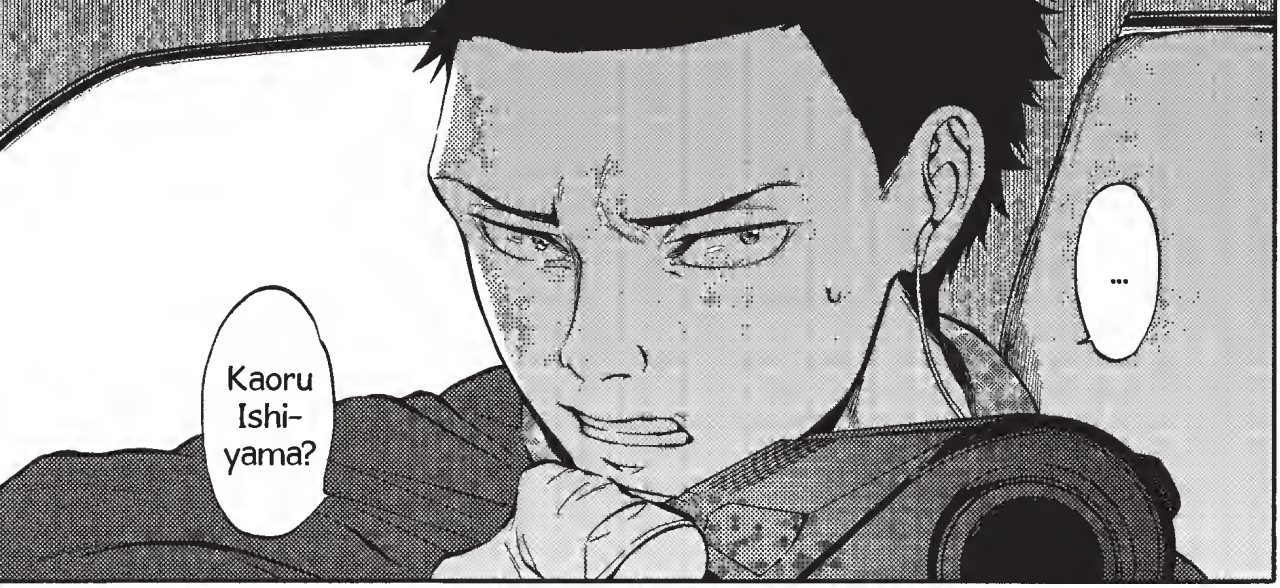

Megumi...
Ishimaru?


...


No, there isn't.
There is a Kaoru Ishiyama, though...

Line 34
Outsider

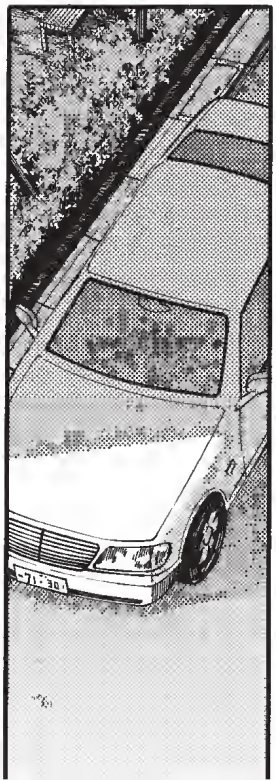



Kaoru Ishi-yama?
...


What?! Are you saying I'm lying?!
Really ...?

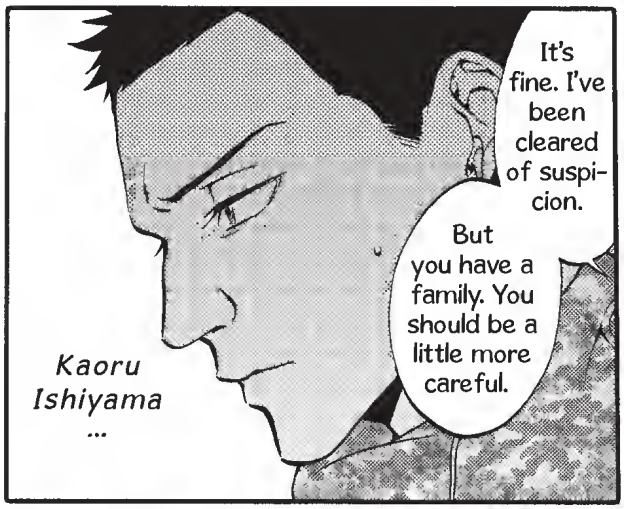

A member of the Diet... The New Civic Party.
Who's that ...?


Are you satisfied now?

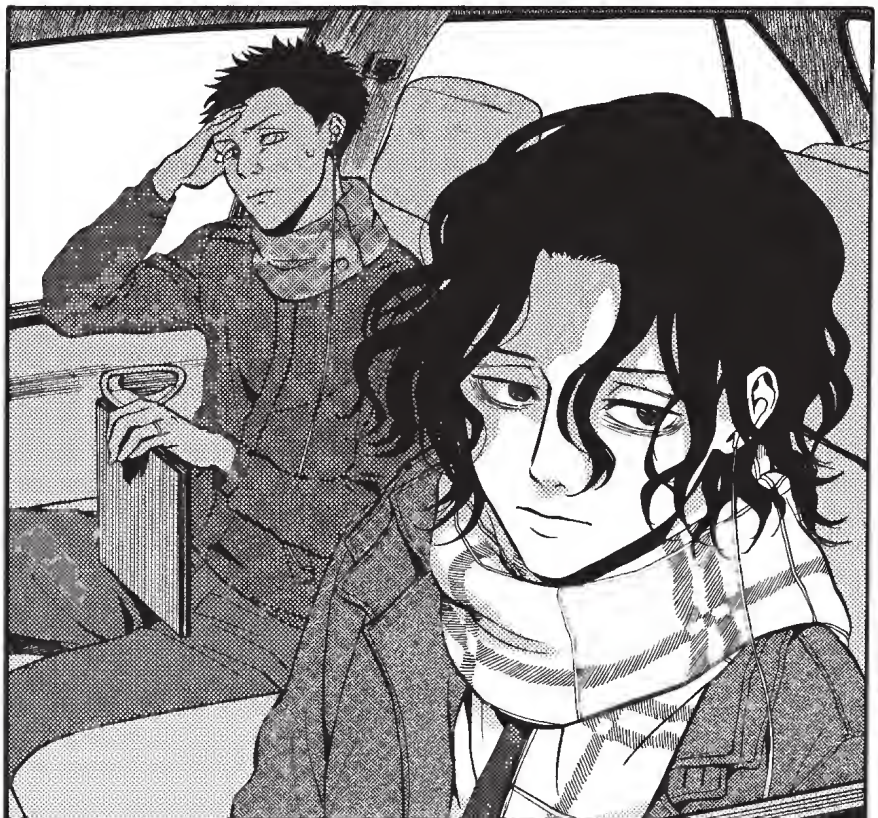



But... should I really have said his name...?
So Number 13, Jason, is a politi-cian, huh...

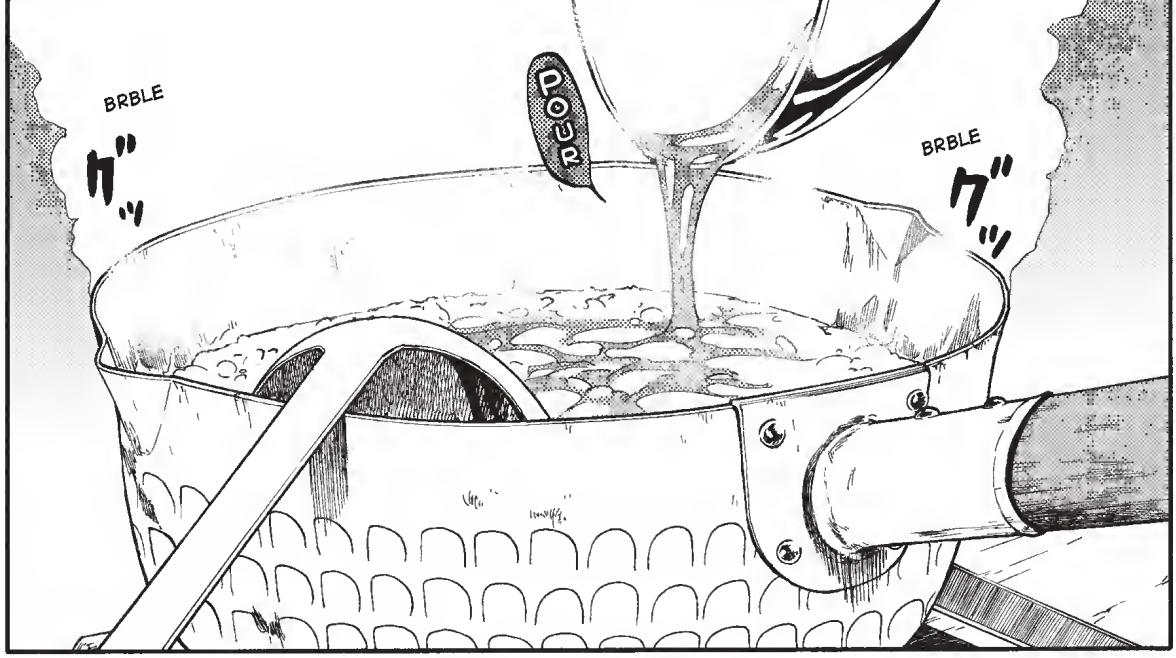

I wanted to turn up the volume on my radio,
but I had the wrong pocket...
Why'd you have your hand in your pocket ...?

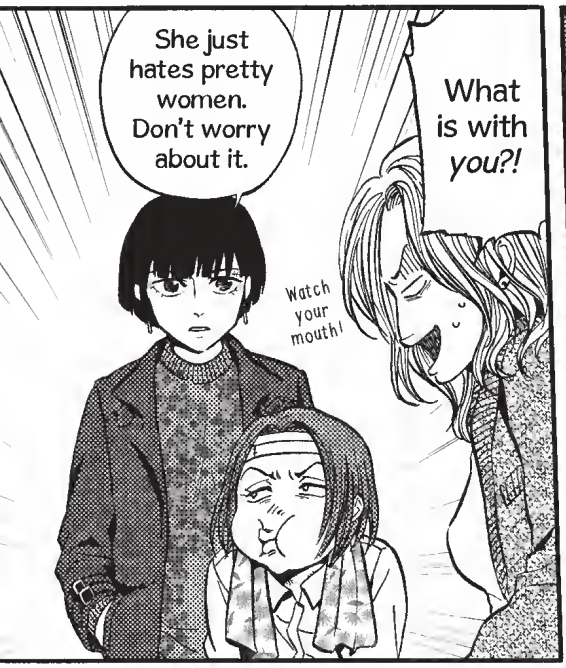

It's fine. I've been cleared of suspicion.
But you have a family. You should be a little more careful.
Kaoru Ishiyama ...

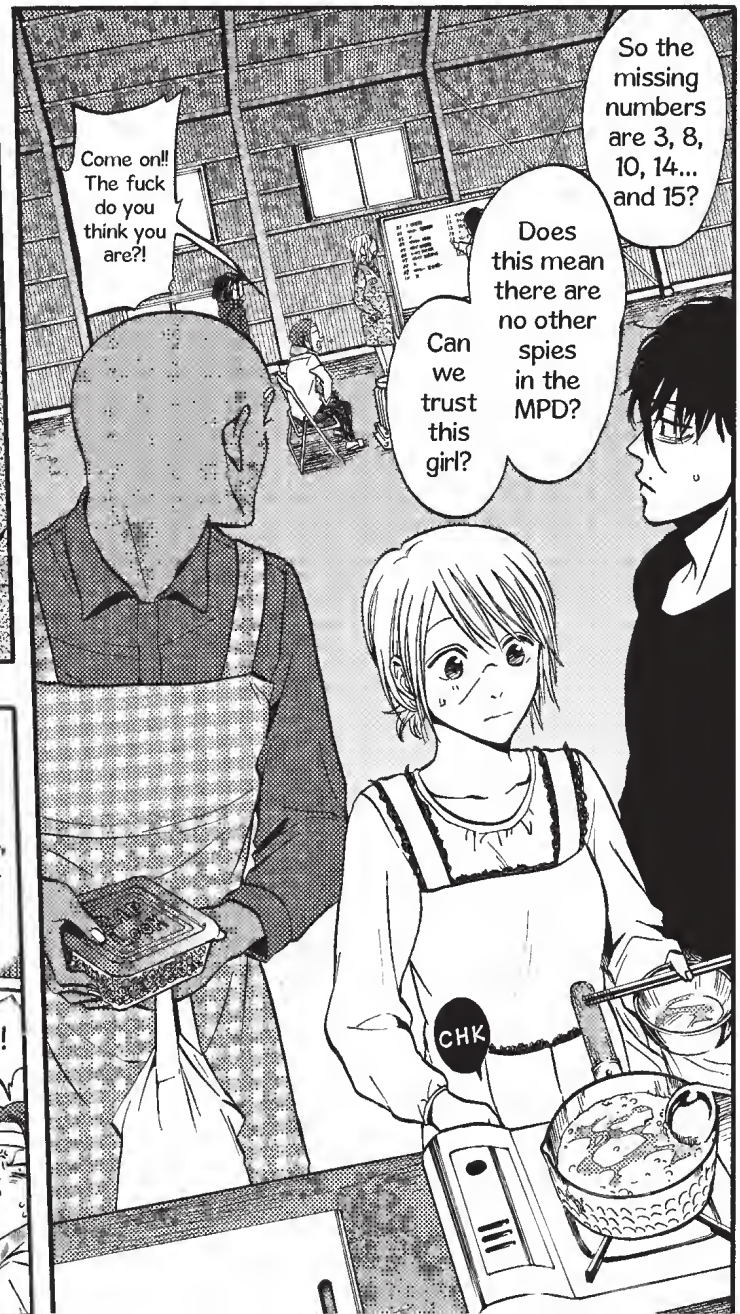

I'll accept whatever punishment you want...
Turning a gun on your colleague is really something.




A totally different person, connected only by the character "Ishi."
Is it really just a coincidence?


BRBLE
POUR
BRBLE

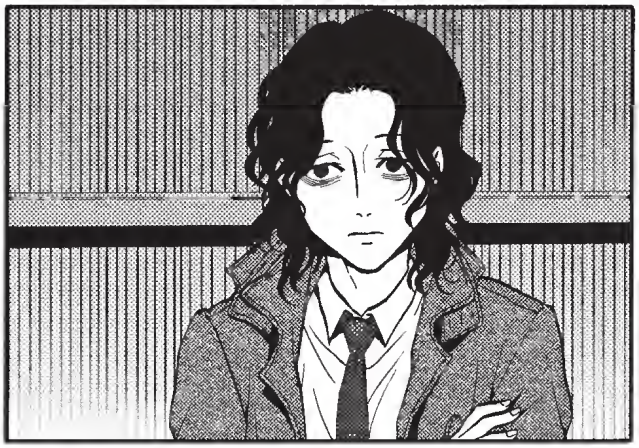

She just hates pretty women. Don't worry about it.
What is with *you*?!
Watch your mouth!

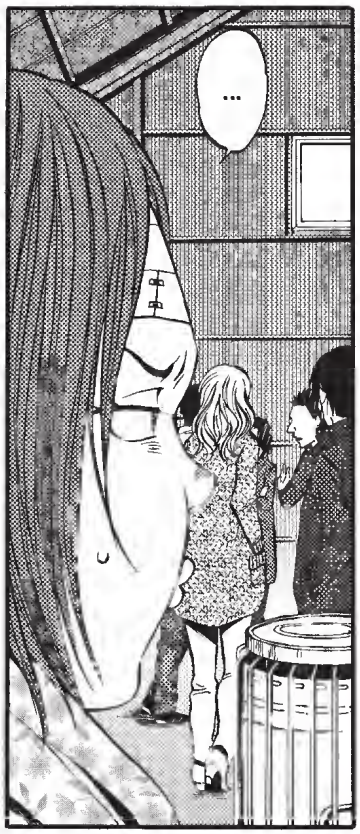

Come on!! The fuck do you think you are?!
So the missing numbers are 3, 8, 10, 14... and 15?
Does this mean there are no other spies in the MPD?
Can we trust this girl?
CHK


Those numbers must have been left out.
I've never met 3, 8, 10, or 14 either.
?!

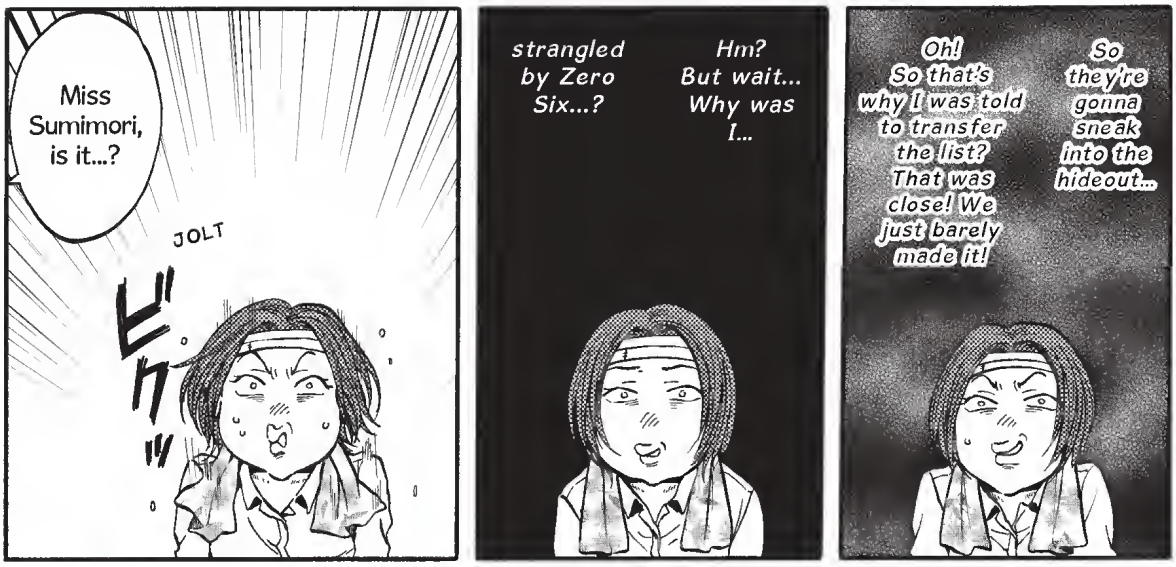

When do you think is good?
The sooner the better.
When are we raiding the hide-out?

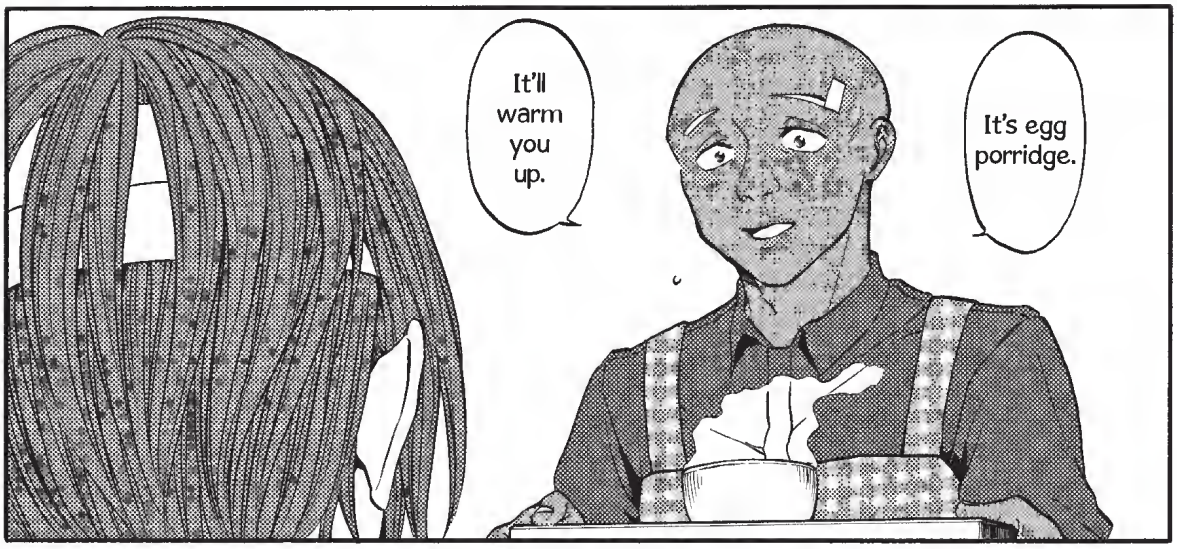

SUMIMORI
KANZAKI
ISHIYAMA
MURAKAM
BABLY NO ONE
Zero Five is Ushio in C Squad.
We'll get C Squad's help in securing him.
Oh.
C Squad's chief is Takimoto, right? I'll contact him...

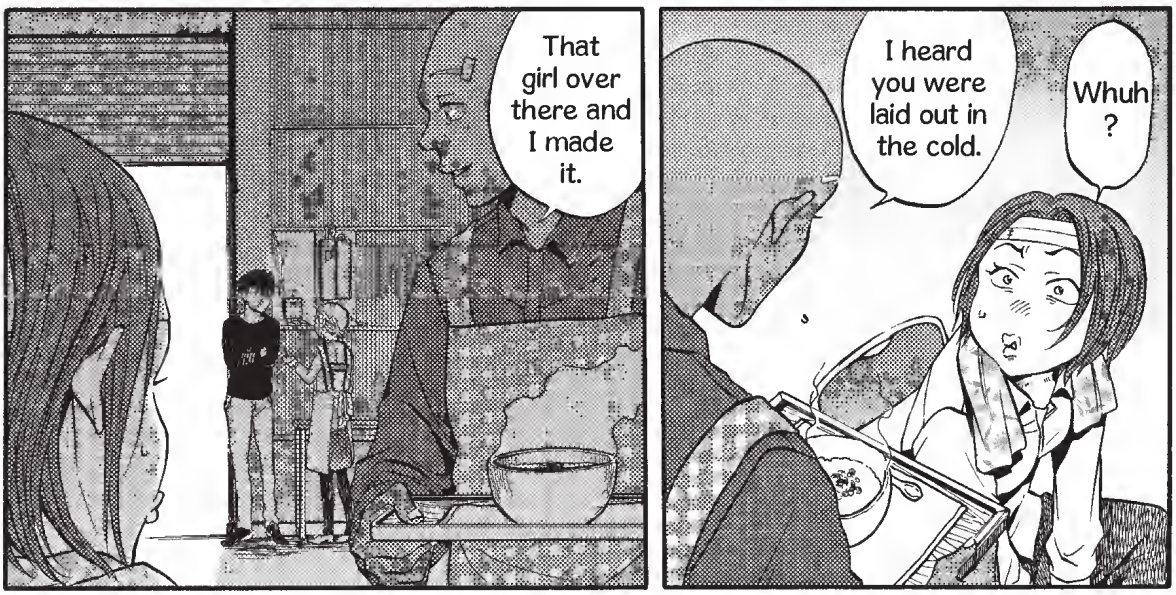


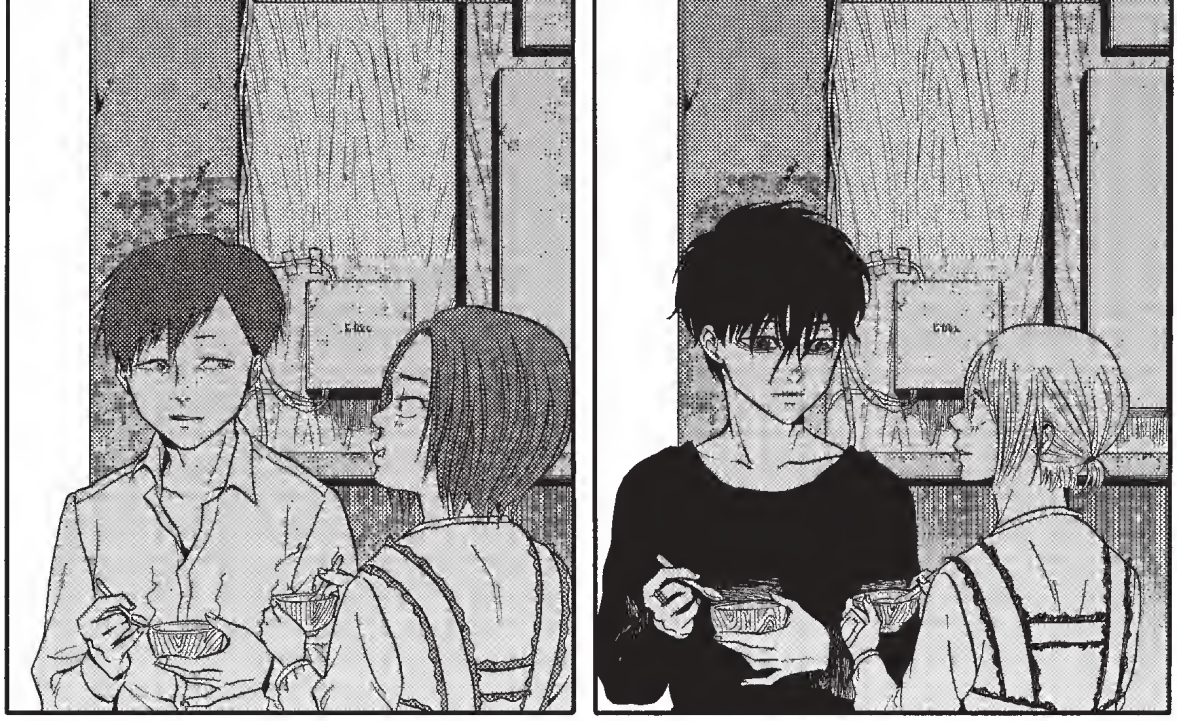

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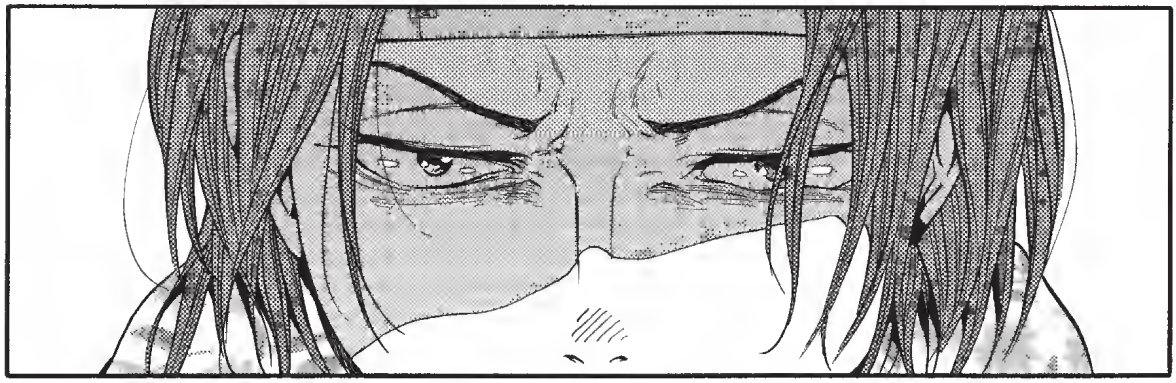

Tonight, even?

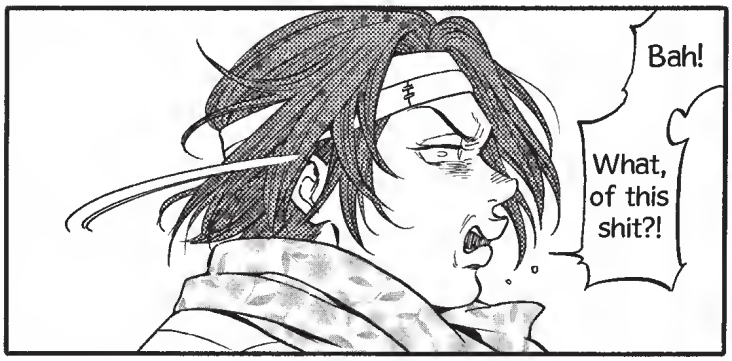

Miss Sumimori, is it...?
JOLT
ビクッ
strangled by Zero Six...?
Hm? But wait... Why was I...
Oh! So that's why I was told to transfer the list? That was close! We just barely made it!
So they're gonna sneak into the hideout...

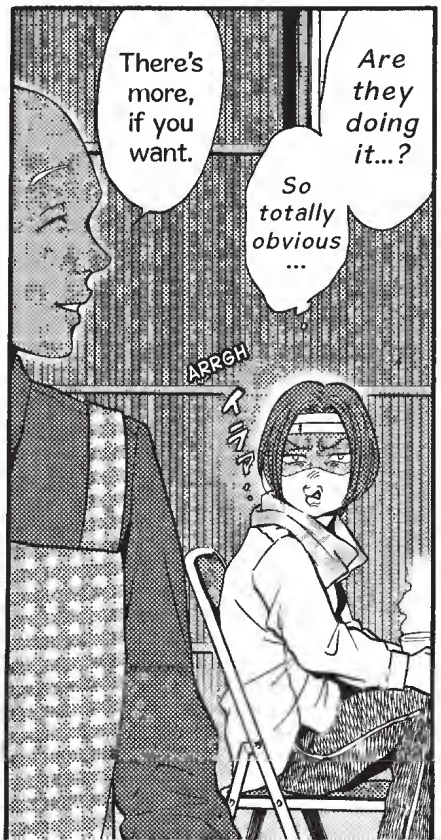

It'll warm you up.
It's egg porridge.


That girl over there and I made it.
I heard you were laid out in the cold.
Whuh ?

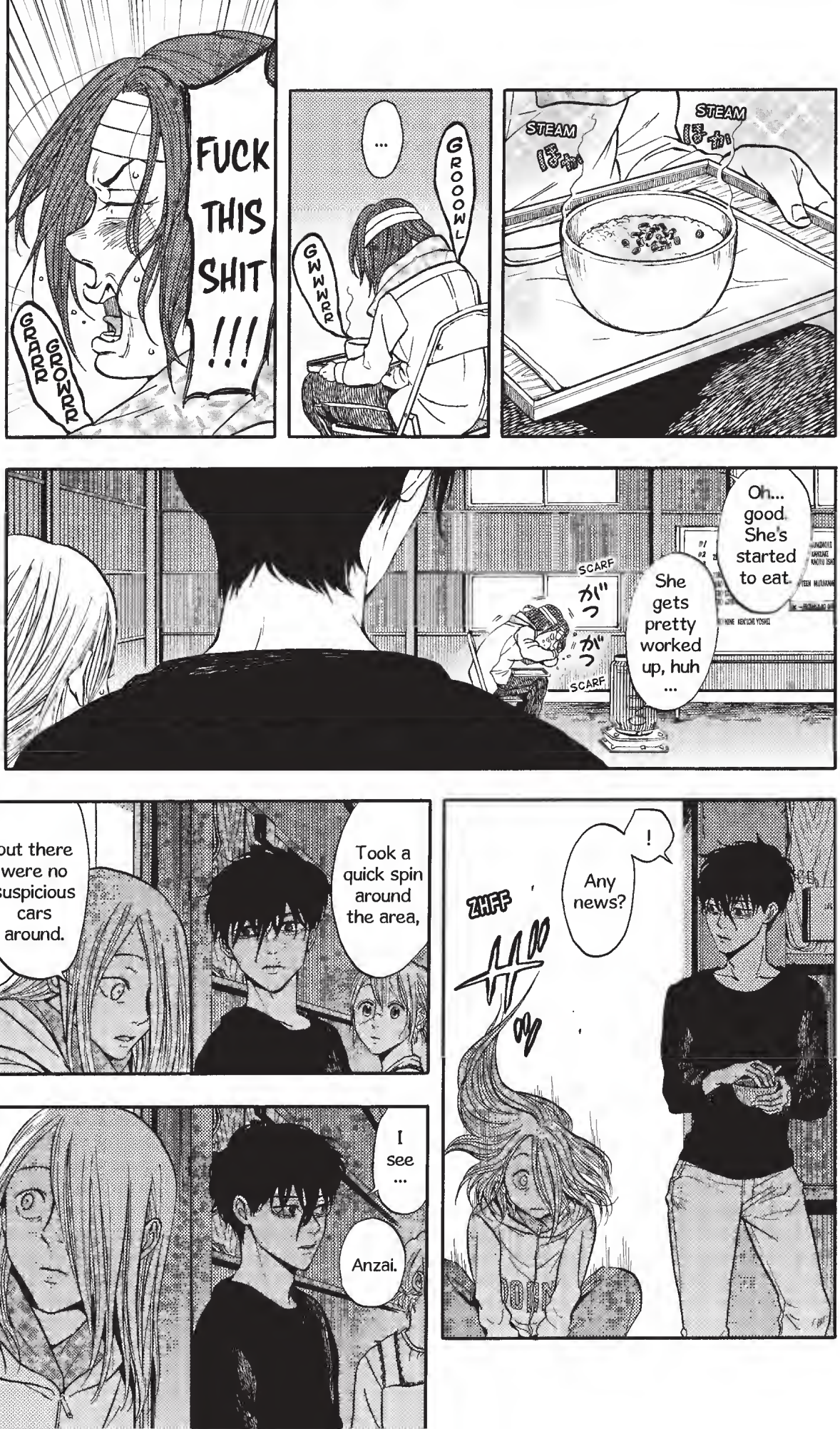


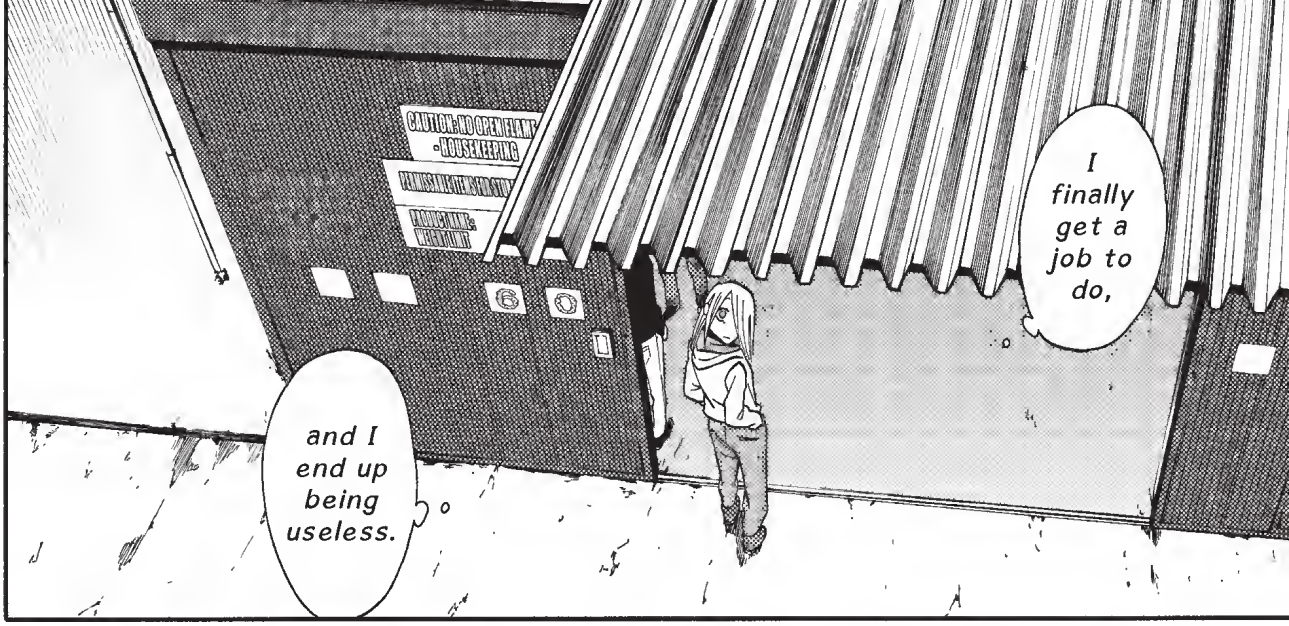



Bah!
What, of this shit?!

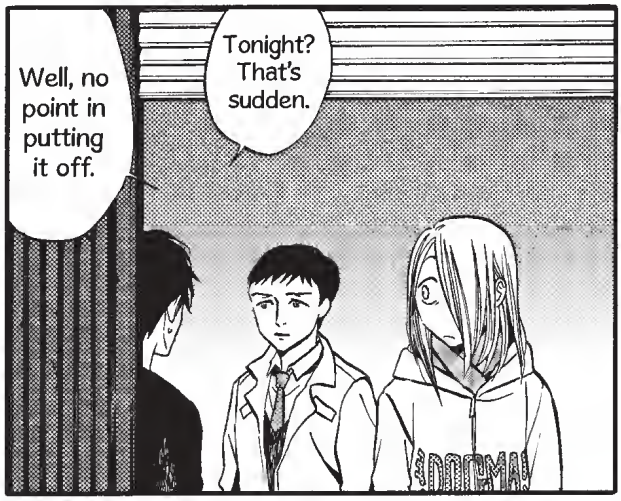

Are they doing it...?
So totally obvious ...
There's more, if you want.
ARRGH
イテテ。。

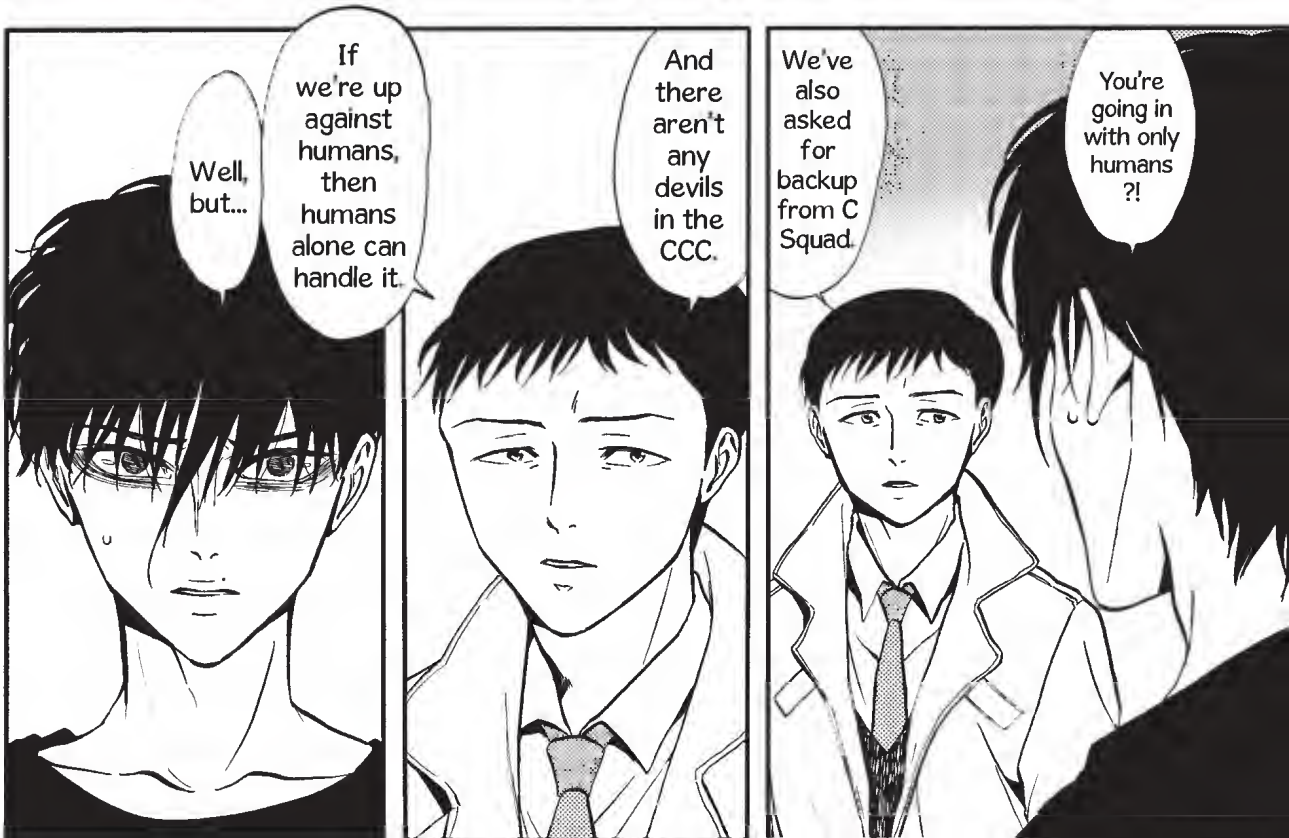

GRROOZZ...

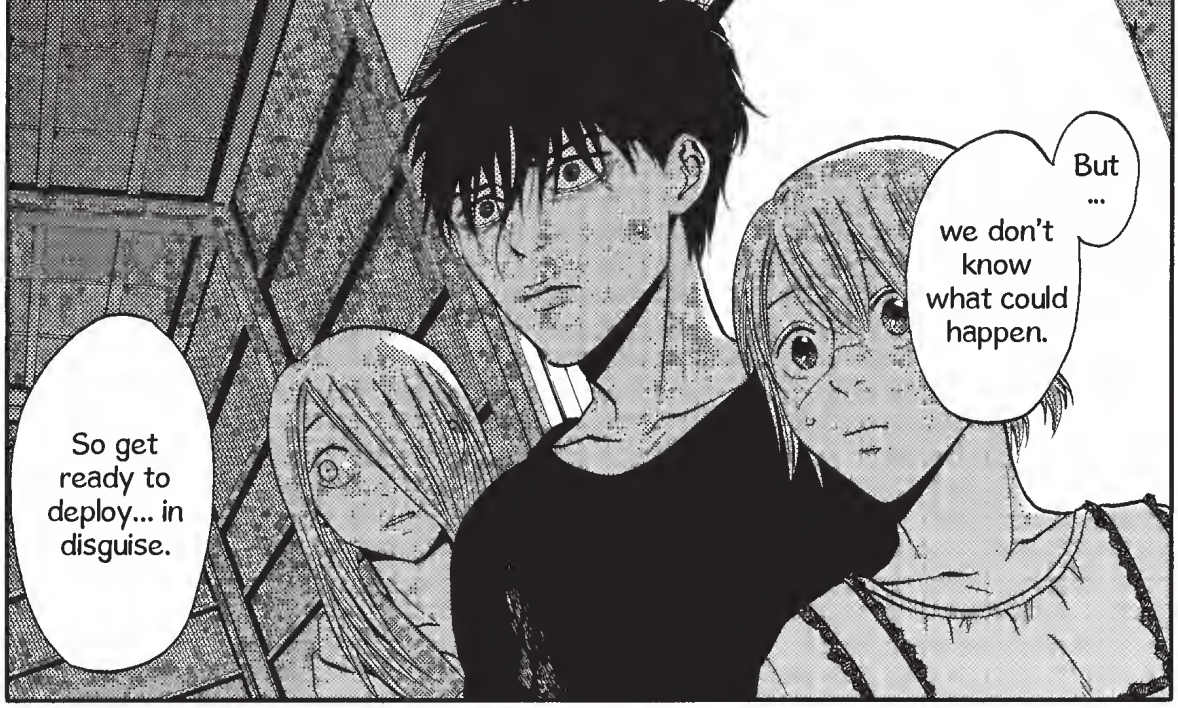

FUCK THIS SHIT !!!
GRRR GROWRR
...
GROOOWL
GWWWRR
STEAM
ぼかぁ
STEAM
ぼかぁ
Oh... good. She's started to eat.
She gets pretty worked up, huh ...
SCARF
がつ
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SCARF
but there were no suspicious cars around.
Took a quick spin around the area,
!
Any news?
ZHFF
I see ...
Anzai.

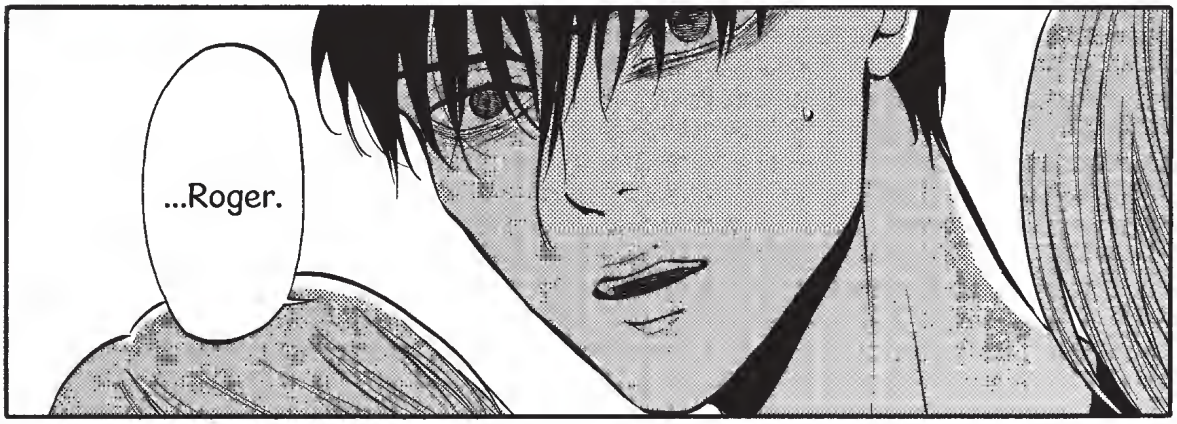

I finally get a job to do,
and I end up being useless.

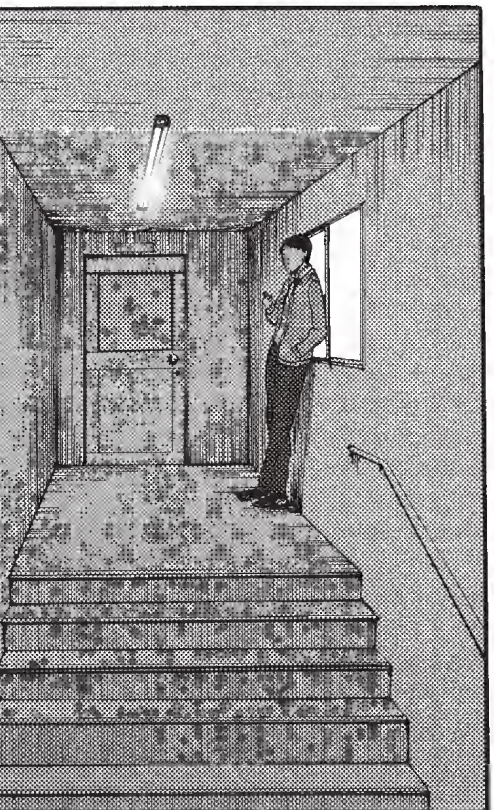

You and Jill are still barred from deploying.
!
If you break that rule again, you'll likely be fired.


Tonight? That's sudden.
Well, no point in putting it off.


Well, but...
If we're up against humans, then humans alone can handle it.
And there aren't any devils in the CCC.
We've also asked for backup from C Squad.
You're going in with only humans ?!

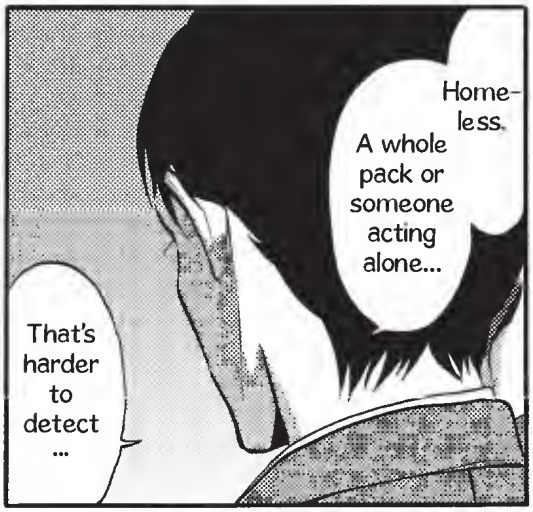

But ...
we don't know what could happen.
So get ready to deploy... in disguise.

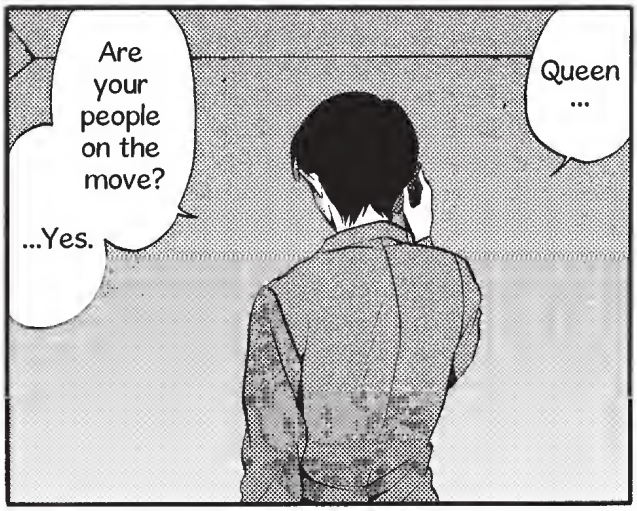

...Roger.

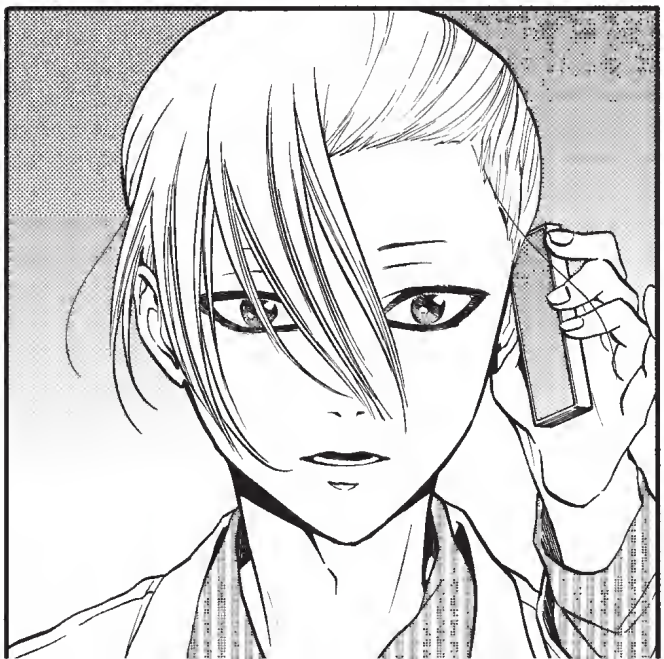



From : 006
I strangled 11. The body's been disposed of.

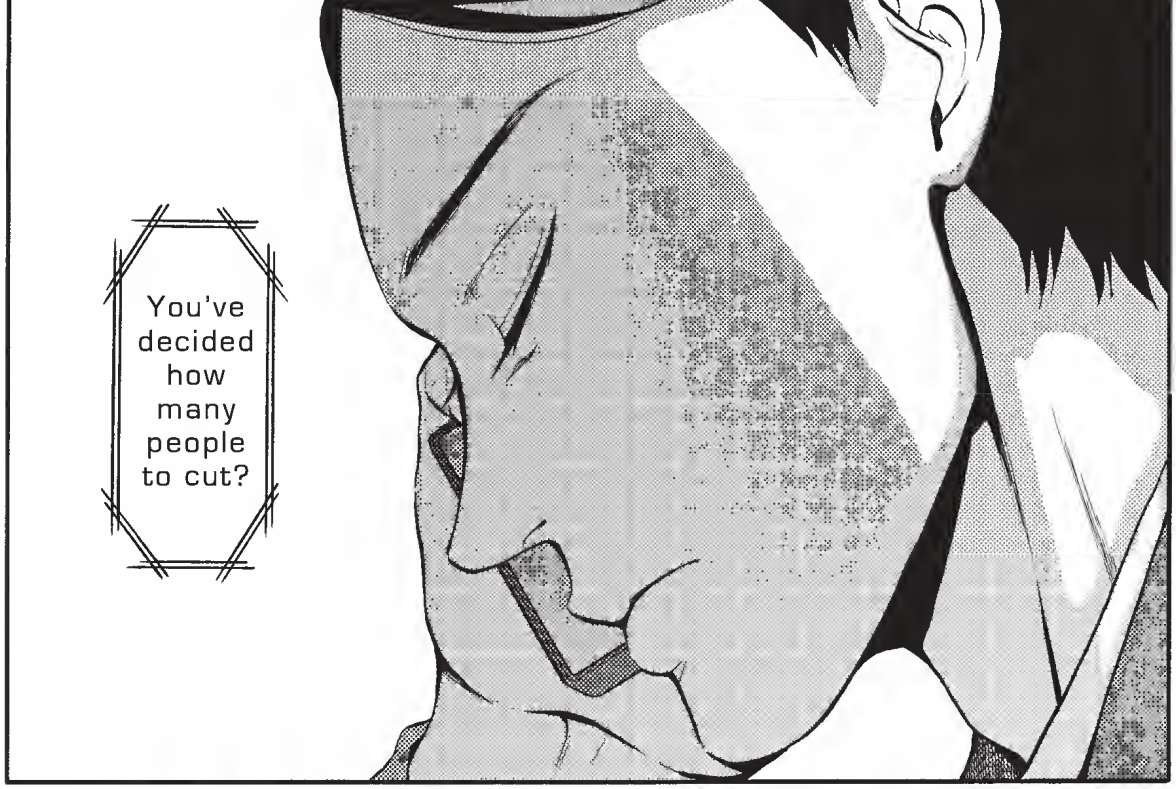

No good ...
huh?

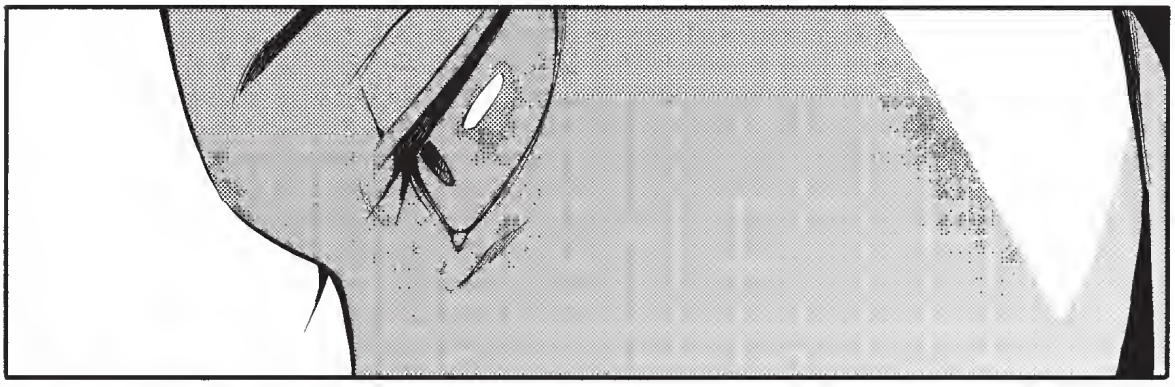

Homeless.
A whole pack or someone acting alone...
That's harder to detect ...

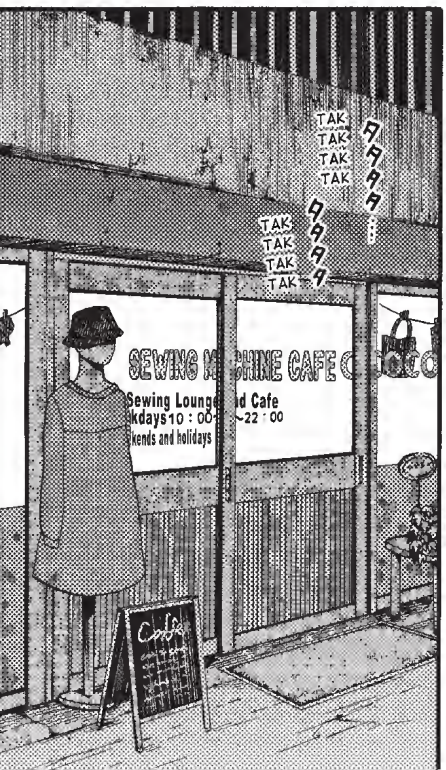

Are your people on the move?
...Yes.
Queen ...

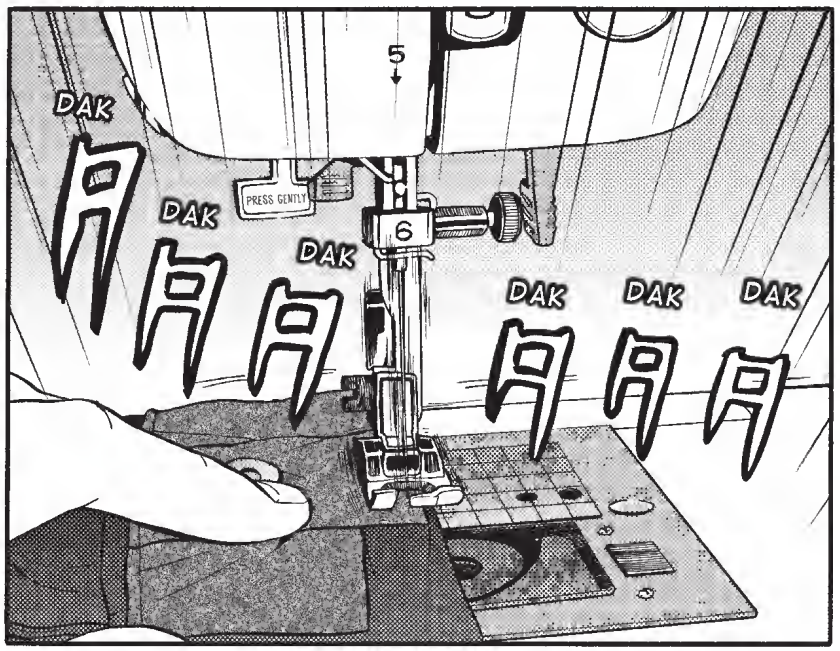


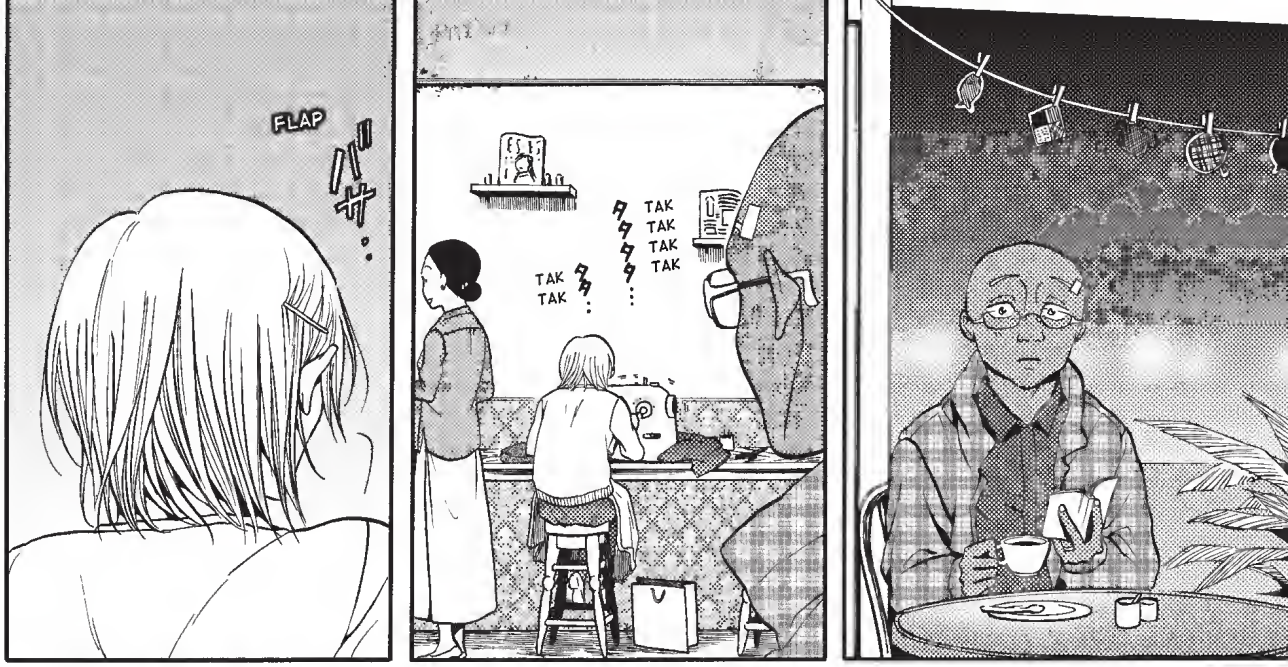

Jail. I came to instruct Zero Four.
Where are you now?
Like I said, I've had my eye on someone.

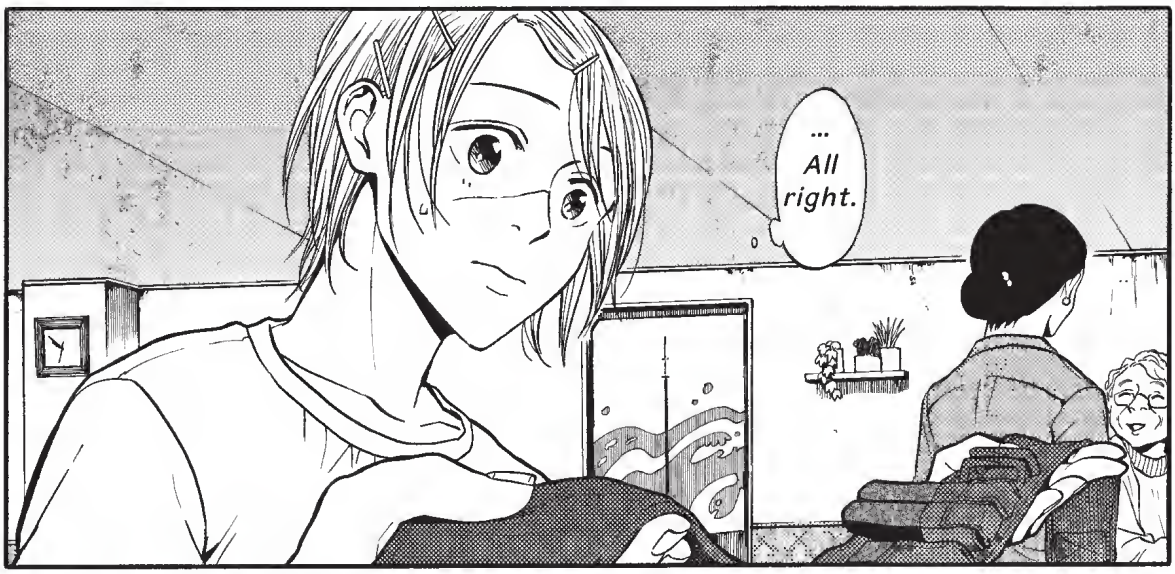

You've decided how many people to cut?



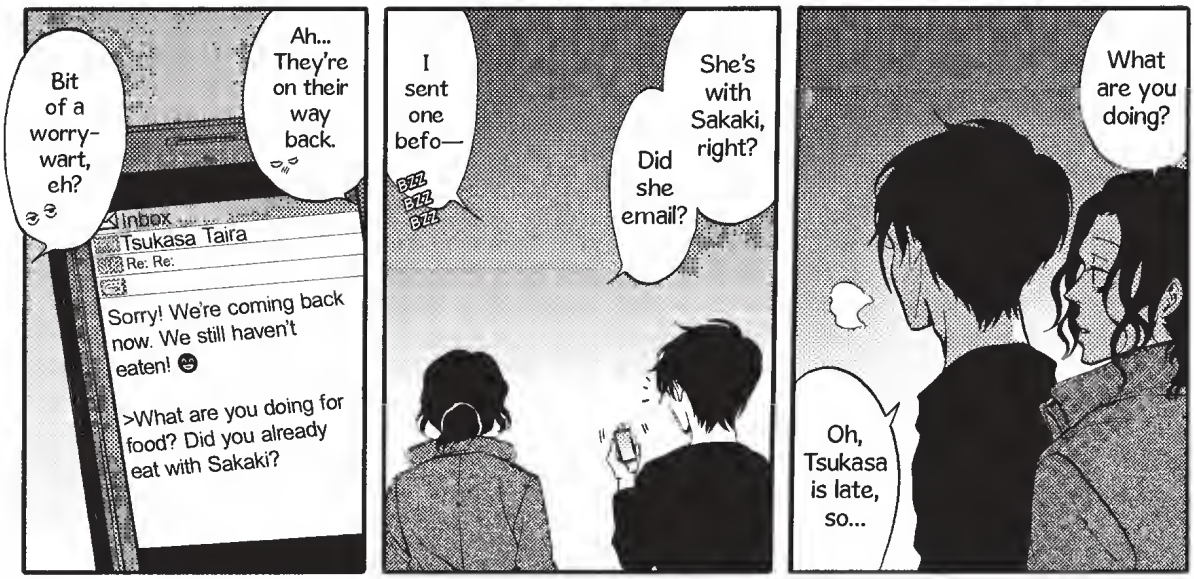

TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
AAAA!!
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
AAAA
SEWING MACHINE CAFE
Sewing Lounge and Cafe
Weekdays 10 : 00 ~22 : 00
Weekends and holidays
Cafe

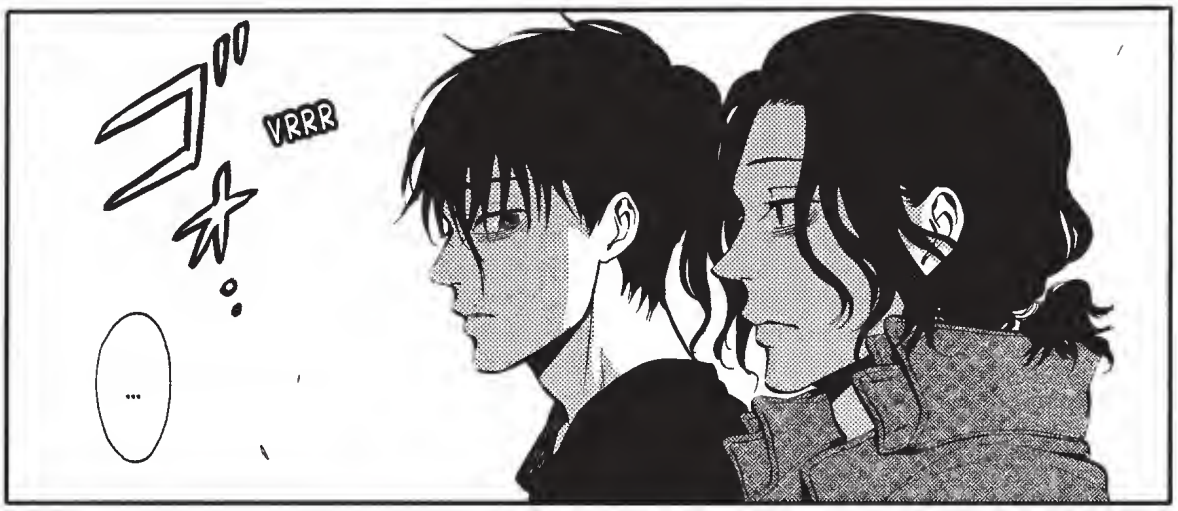

5
DAK
DAK
DAK
DAK
DAK
DAK
PRESS GENTLY
6


FLAP
TAK TAK
TAK TAK TAK TAK


... All right.


PAPER GOODS
140t
Okay then, 3 a.m. on the scene.
We'll contact you an hour in advance.


Bit of a worry-wart, eh?
Ah... They're on their way back.
Inbox
Tsukasa Taira
Re: Re:
Sorry! We're coming back now. We still haven't eaten!
>What are you doing for food? Did you already eat with Sakaki?
I sent one befo—
BZZ BZZ BZZ
Did she email?
She's with Sakaki, right?
What are you doing?
Oh, Tsukasa is late, so...

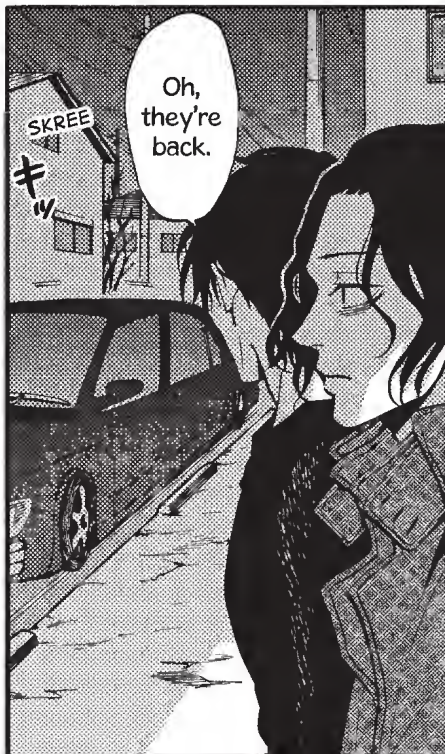

VRRR
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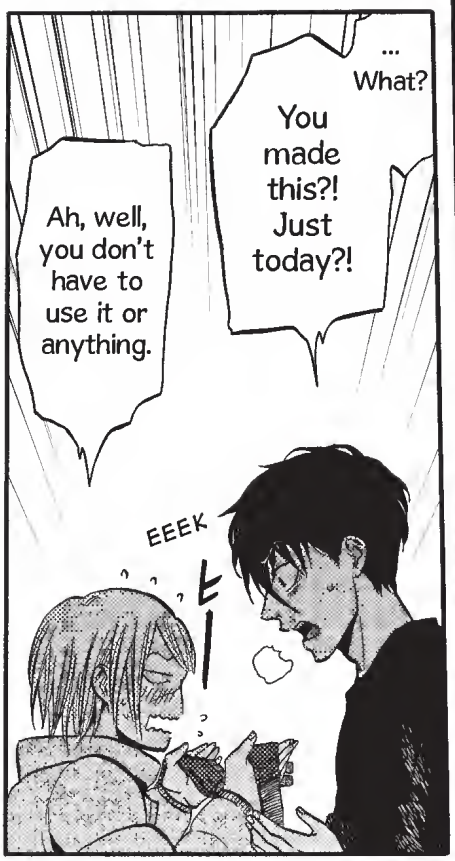

What?
Do you like me?
Just somehow... it looks good on you.
What?
Why?!
Your hair looks better pulled back.


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Well, I don't *hate* you...


To be honest, I was afraid to ask if you were a spy.

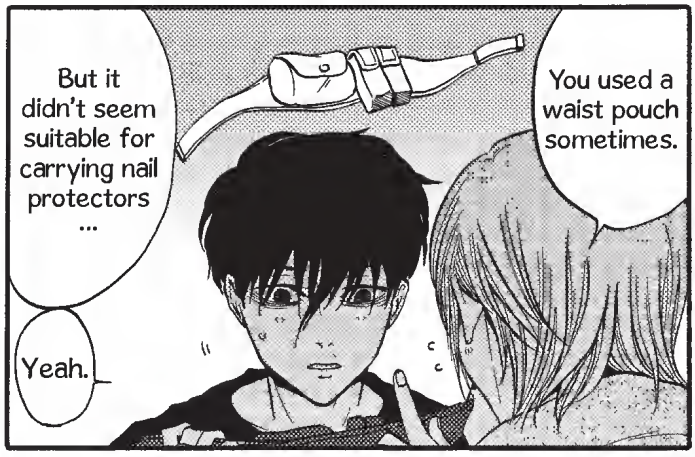

Hm?
I made this.
Sorry we're late.
BTAM

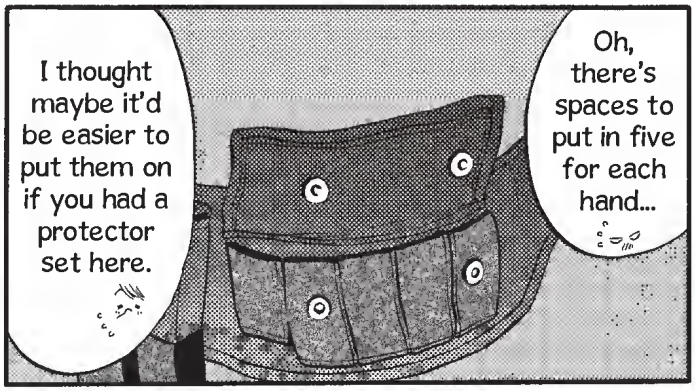

SKREE
Oh, they're back.


...
What?
You made this?! Just today?!
Ah, well, you don't have to use it or anything.
EEEK


A waist pouch.
Here ...


But it might actually be hard to use...
A-Anzai!!
Yes?!


But it didn't seem suitable for carrying nail protectors ...
Yeah.
You used a waist pouch sometimes.


I thought maybe it'd be easier to put them on if you had a protector set here.
Oh, there's spaces to put in five for each hand...

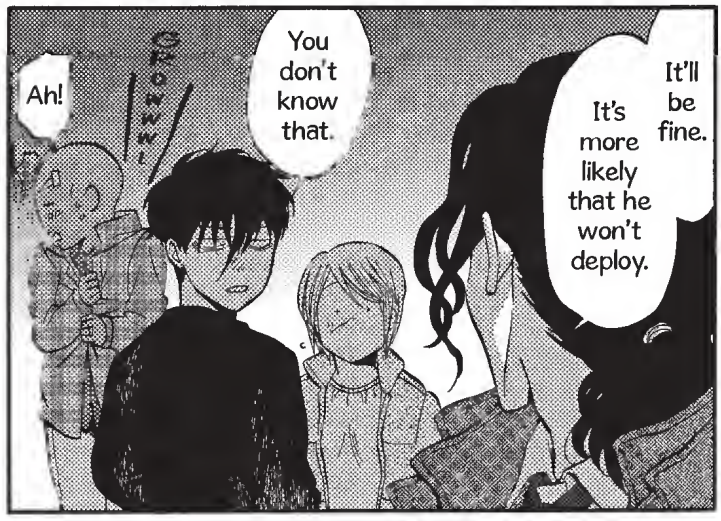

If you do
end up deploying tonight...


be careful, okay?

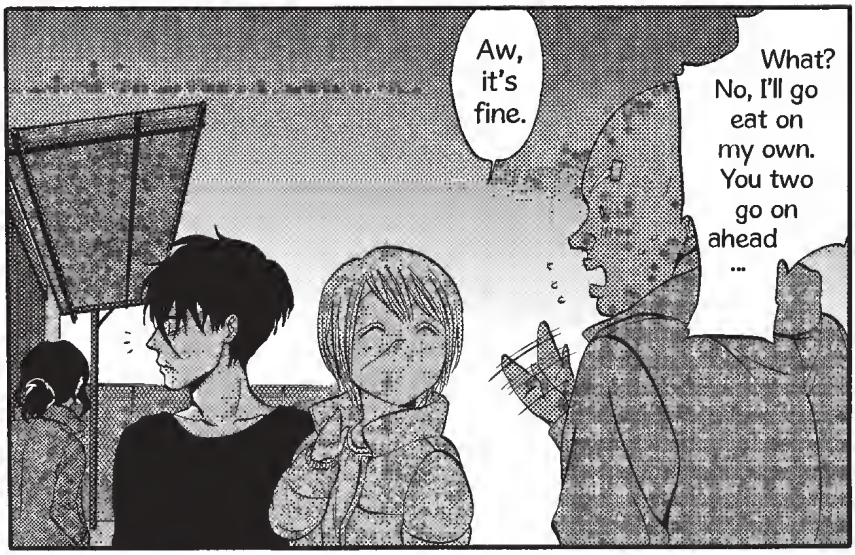



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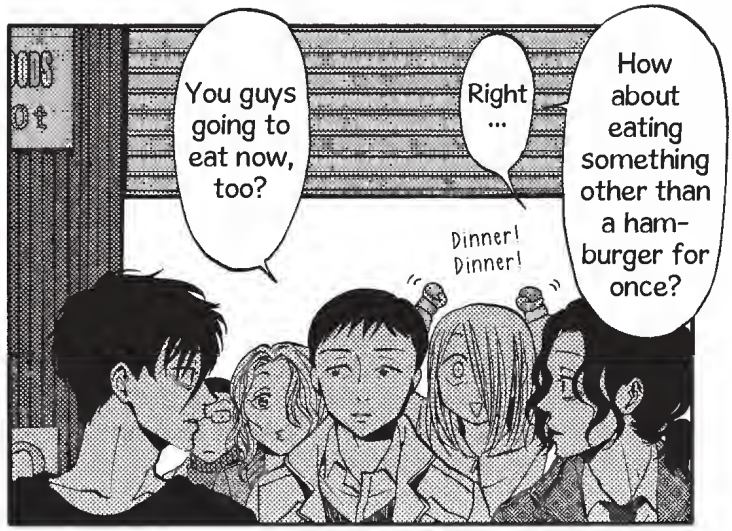

I-I'm sorry! And at such a lovely moment ...
Should we go get some-thing to eat?
Where do you wanna go?


It'll be fine.
It's more likely that he won't deploy.
You don't know that.
Ah!
CHORNI

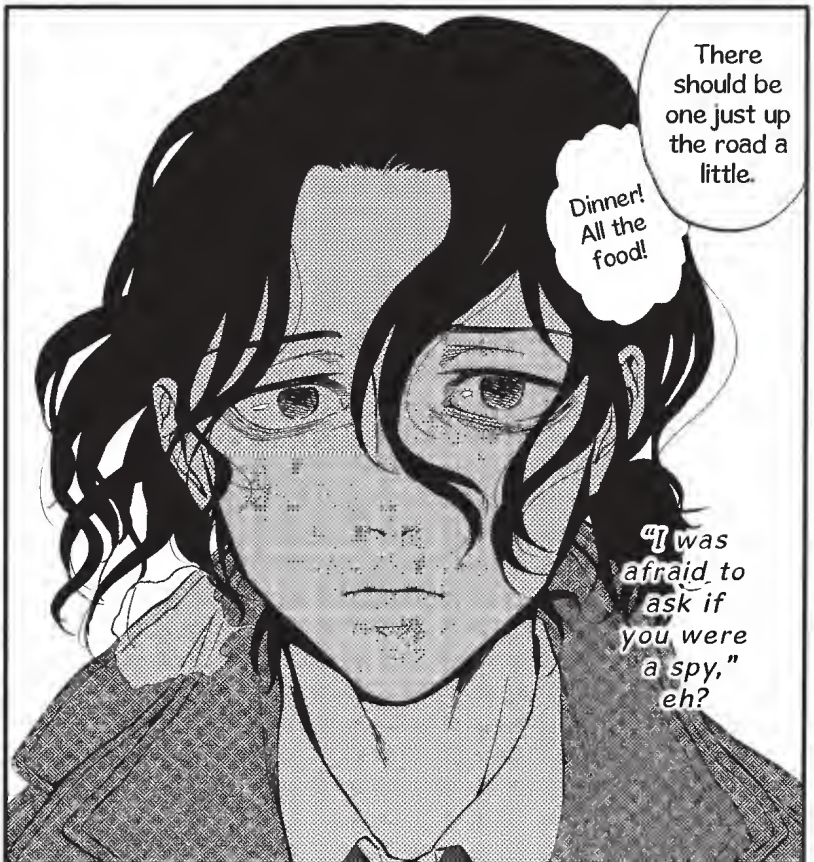

You coming too?
...Huh?


What? No, I'll go eat on my own. You two go on ahead ...
Aw, it's fine.


I was taking these guys to a diner.
What about you?


You guys going to eat now, too?
Right ...
How about eating something other than a hamburger for once?
Dinner! Dinner!

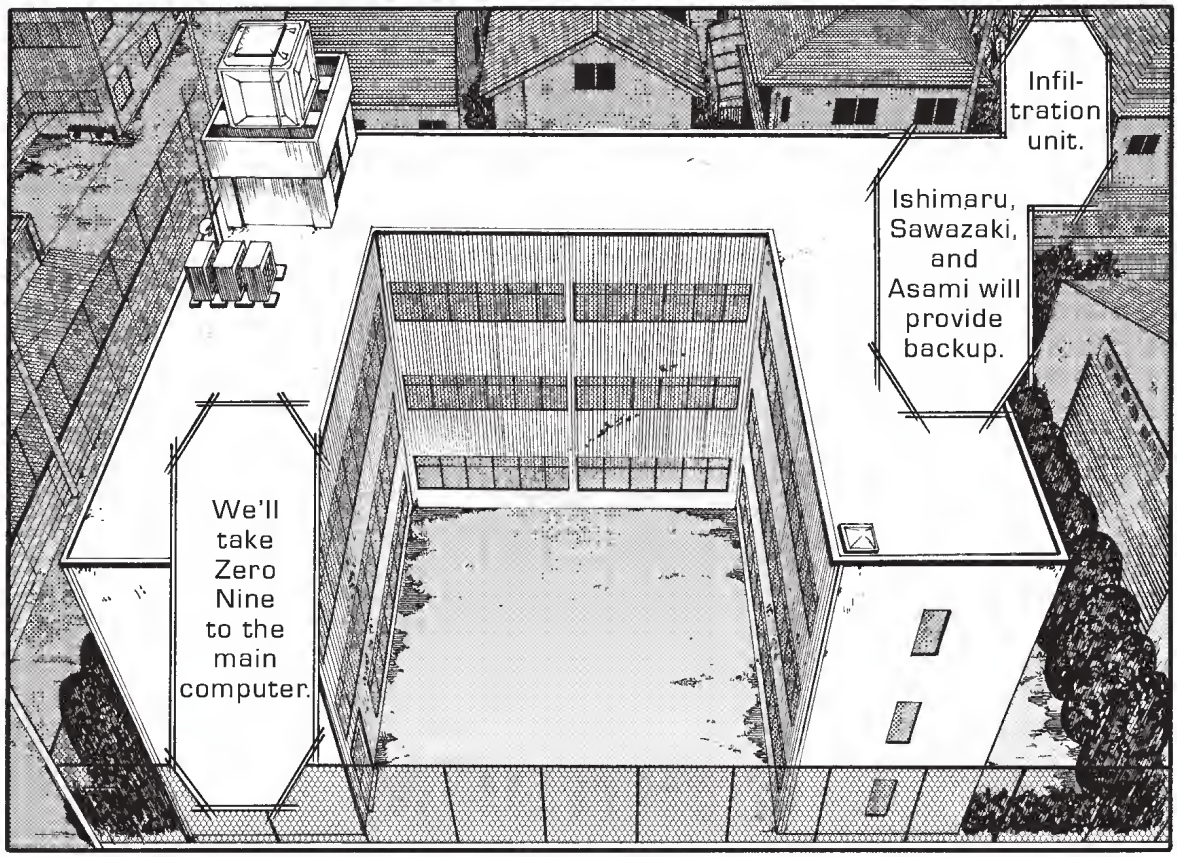

01 ? (INVESTOR)
02 ZERO TWO KIRIO KIKUHARA
03 ×
04 ZERO FOUR NAKAMURA
05 ZERO FIVE NAOYA USH
06 ZERO SIX TAKESHI MA
11 ELEVEN SUMIMORI
12 QUEEN KANZAKI
13 JASON KAORU ISHIYA
× ... PROBABL
Asami's keeping an eye on Eleven until we get back.


There should be one just up the road a little.
Dinner! All the food!
"I was afraid to ask if you were a spy," eh?

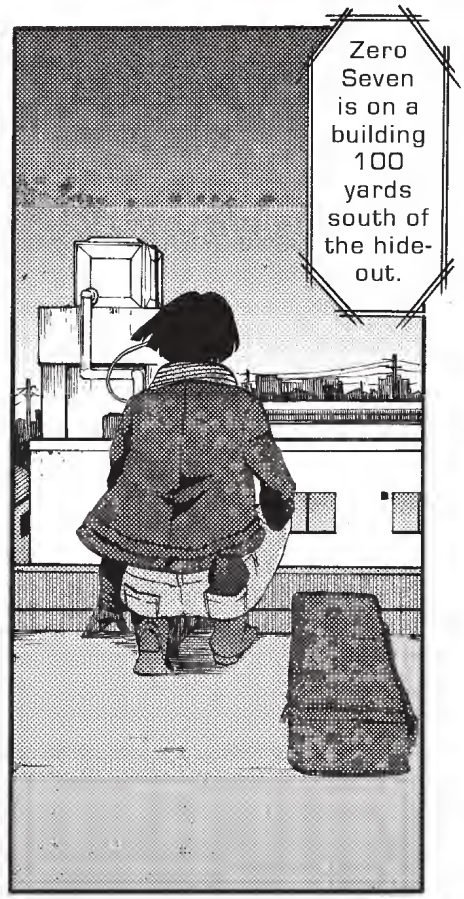

A diner sounds good.
Maybe we should go there, too?
Oh...



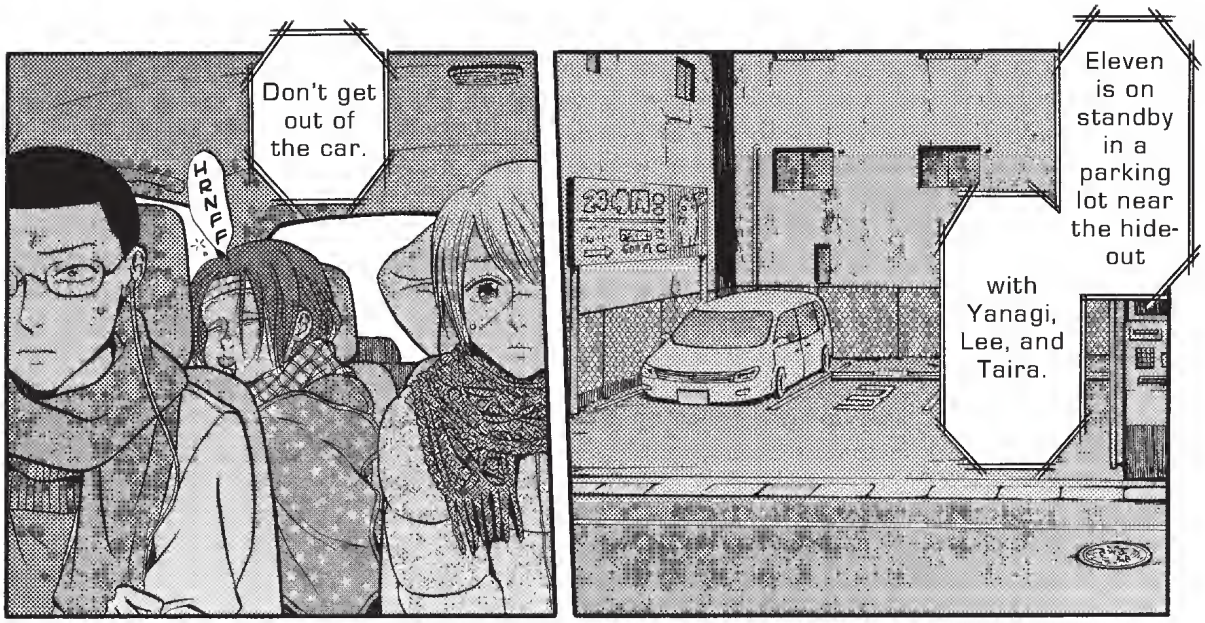
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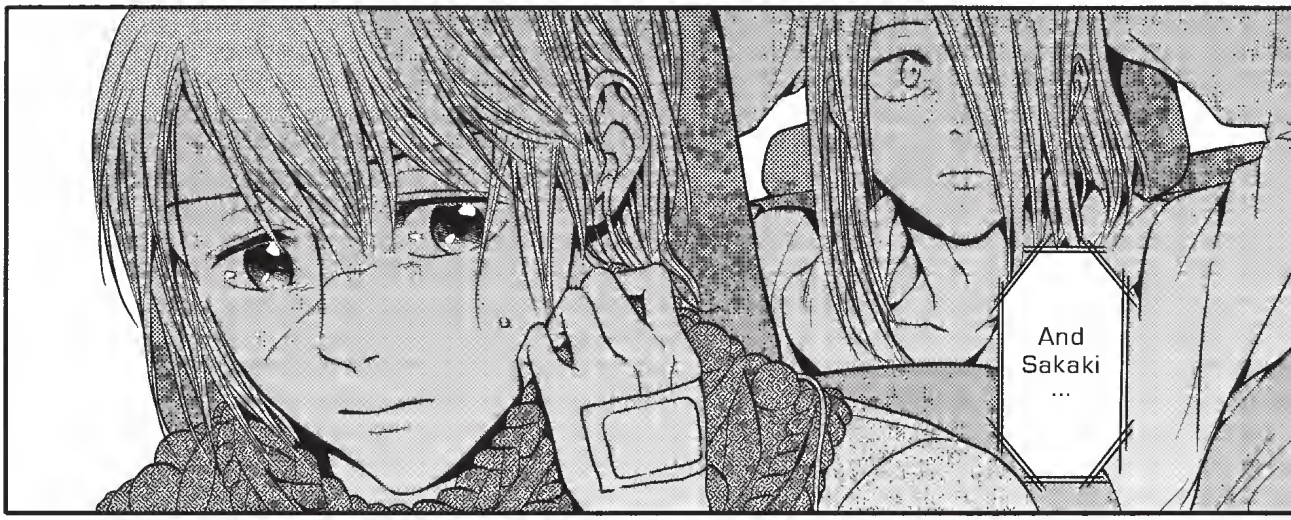

Infil-
tration
unit.
Ishimaru,
Sawazaki,
and
Asami will
provide
backup.
We'll
take
Zero
Nine
to the
main
computer.


Do not
shoot
unless I
give the
order.
...Got
it.


Zero
Seven
is on a
building
100
yards
south of
the hide-
out.

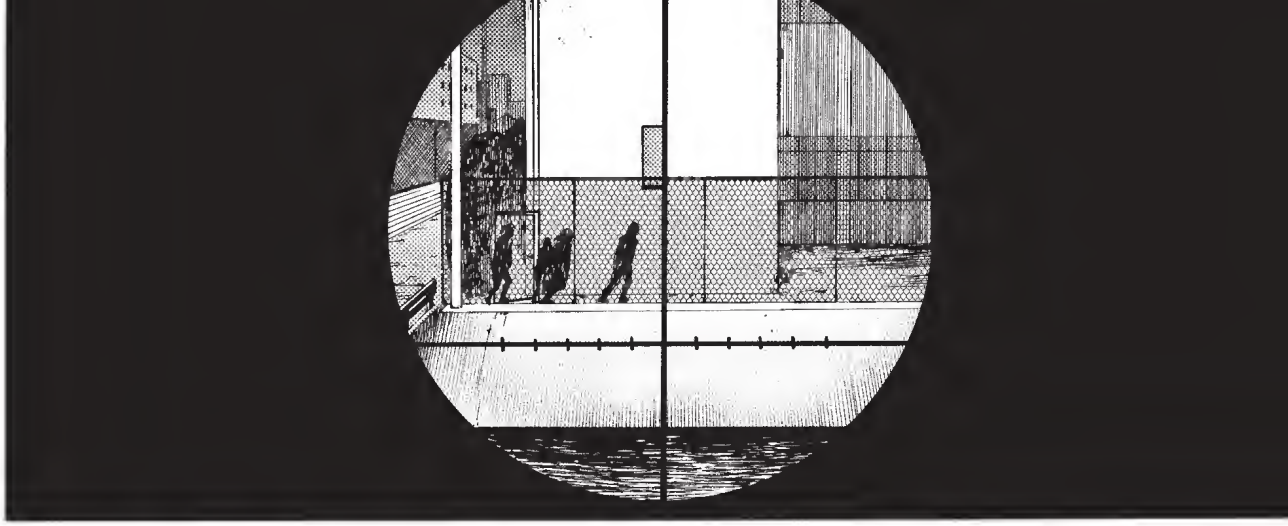

it'd be Kikuhara.
If I was gonna shoot some-one now,
... Yup.
What's Ushio doing right now?
C Squad's Takimoto and Jill are on standby near the front entry of the hide-out.
He's a martial artist. In one-on-one combat, he can beat Ushio.
Patrolling with Kagasaki, also from C Squad.
Kagasaki's been instructed to restrain him if he acts strangely.


Don't get out of the car.
HRNFF
Eleven is on standby in a parking lot near the hide-out with Yanagi, Lee, and Taira.


And Sakaki ...


and Anzai are on a building 500 yards to the north.

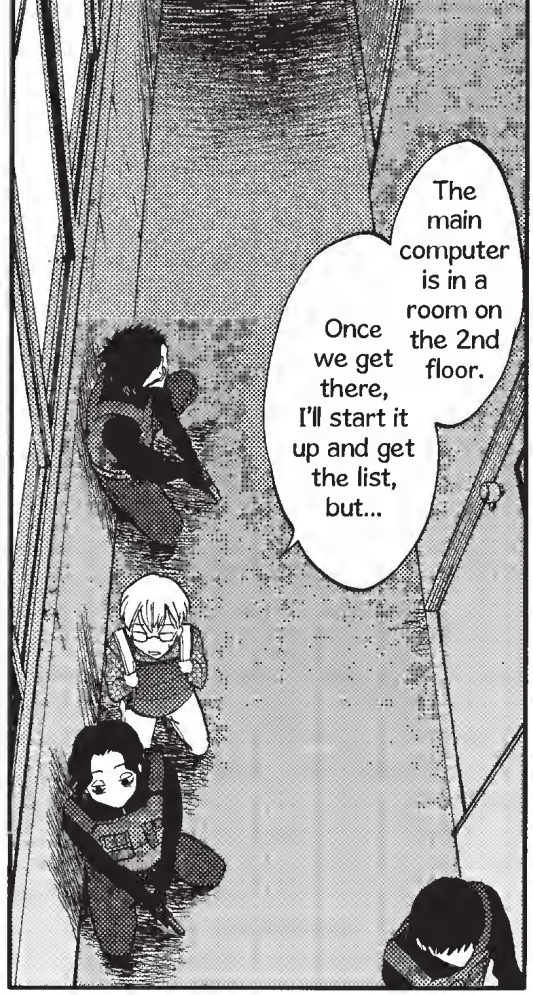

We're in position.
We're going in.

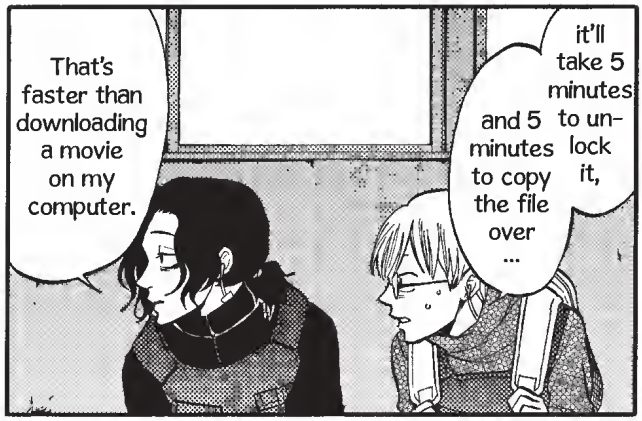


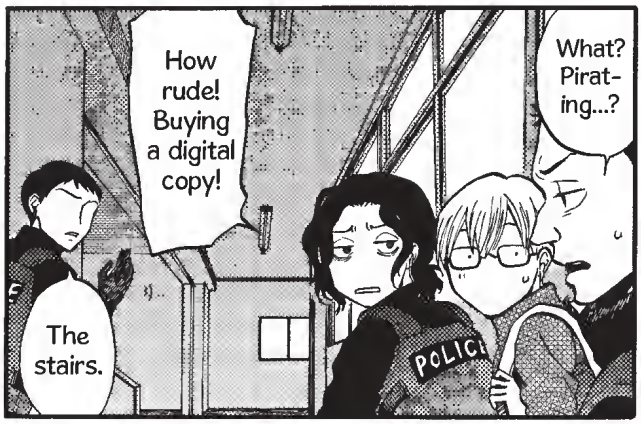

Queen, four people went in through the back.
It's probably that F Squad.


That's them?
Pretty fast.

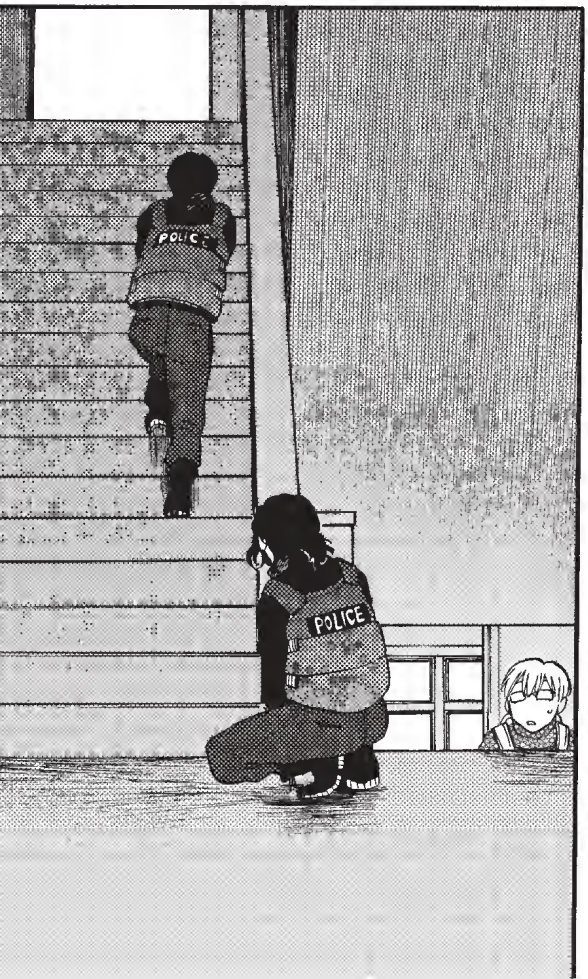

Begin the operation.

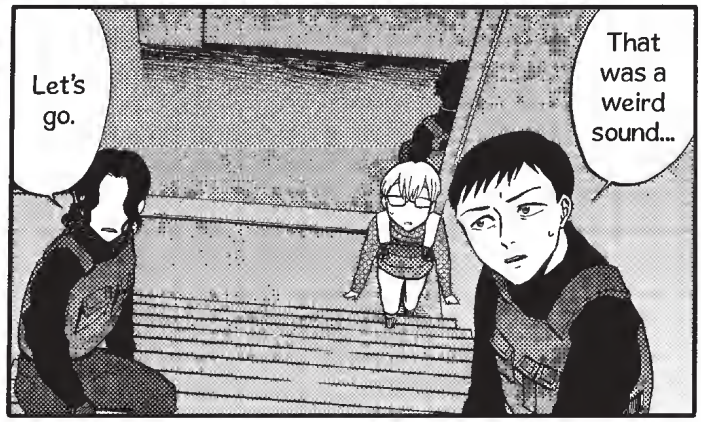

The main computer is in a room on the 2nd floor.
Once we get there, I'll start it up and get the list, but...

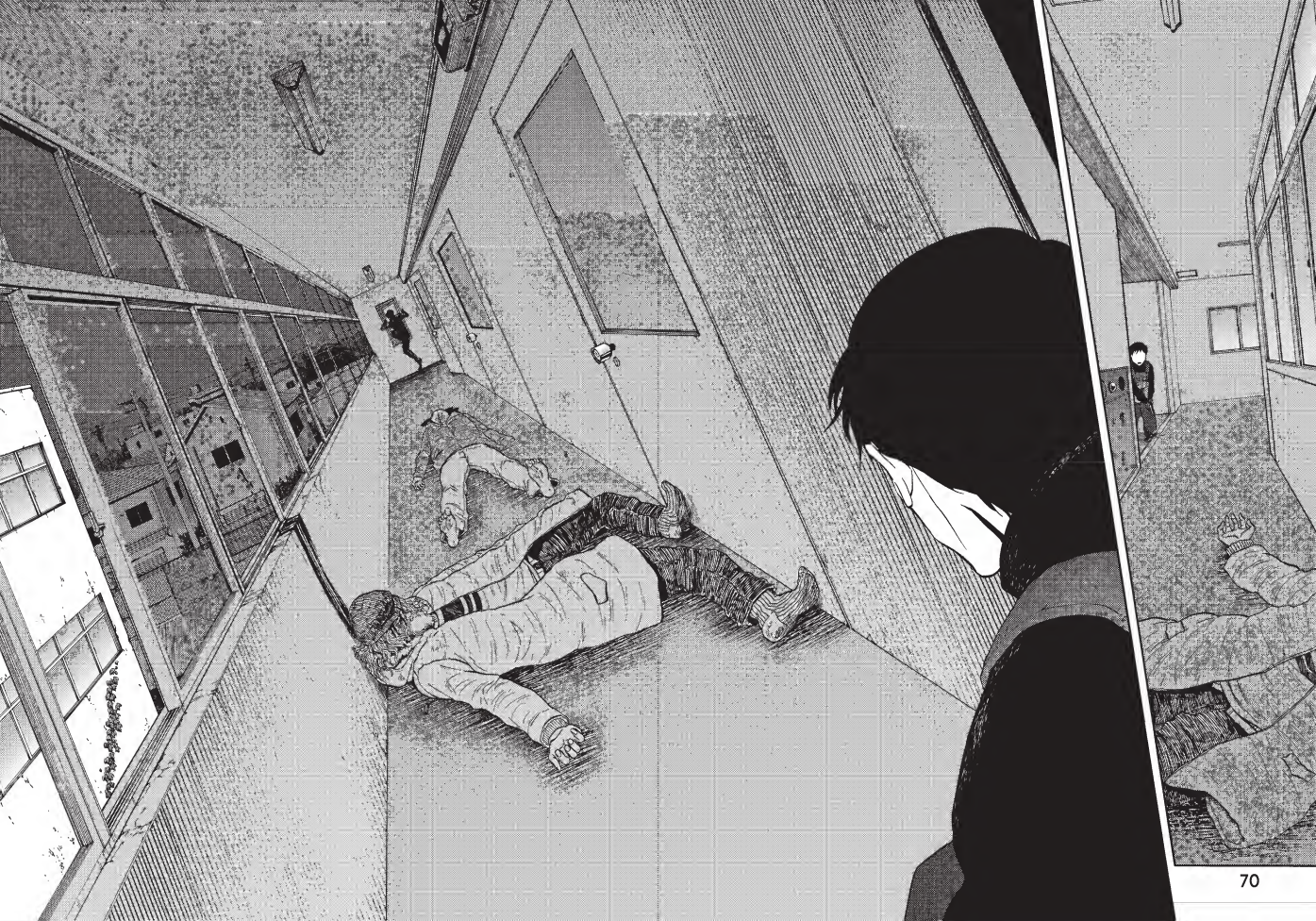

it'll take 5 minutes to unlock it,
and 5 minutes to copy the file over ...
That's faster than downloading a movie on my computer.


What? Pirating...?
How rude! Buying a digital copy!
The stairs.
POLICE


PAKEEN
PAKEEN
PAKEEN


POLICE
POLICE


That was a weird sound...
Let's go.

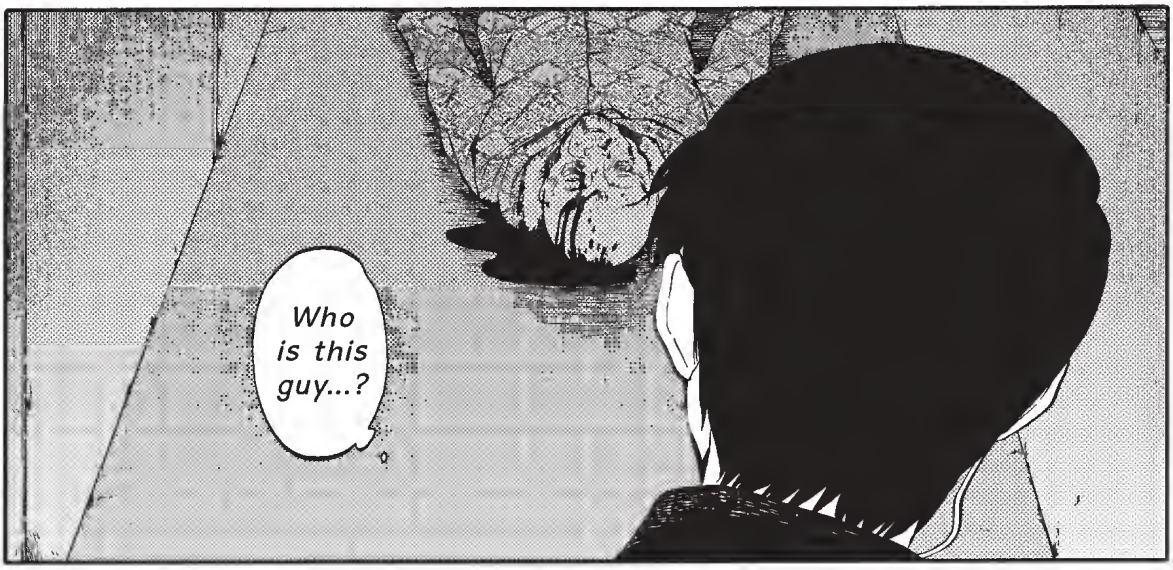


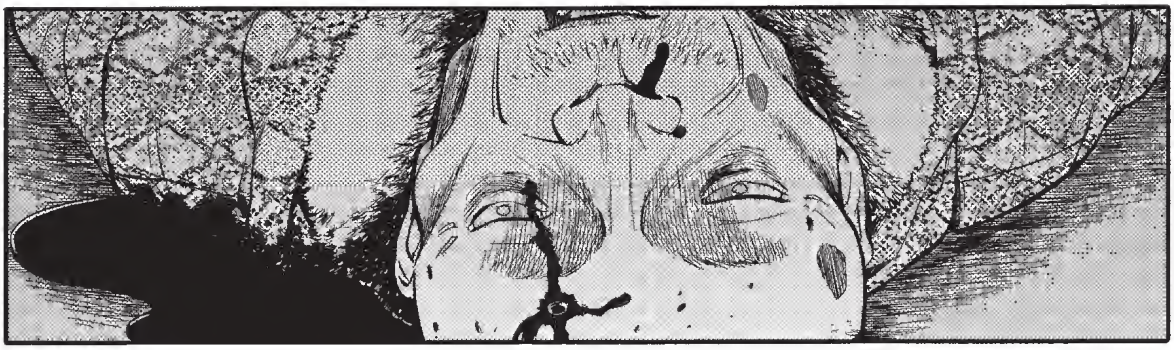



Stop
!!


My
condo-
lences.

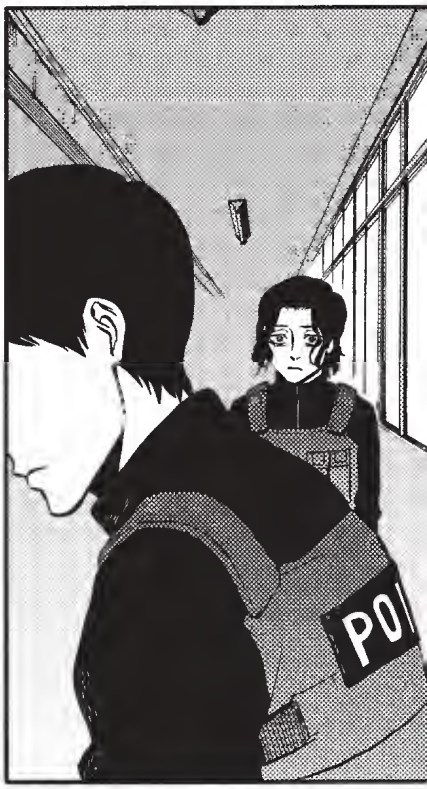

...?!
It's in my blind spot! I heard the sound of water, but—
So the strange noise just now was a silencer.
KA SPLASH
Zero Seven! Can you see the river behind the building ?!
LEAP
The same bullets used by Division 5.
Look up.
Don't look.
PANT
PANT
Anyway, where's the computer room?
Well, it's not a rare type of bullet.
S-Second from the end...
did he deliberately let us hear his voice?
If that guy just now is Division 5,

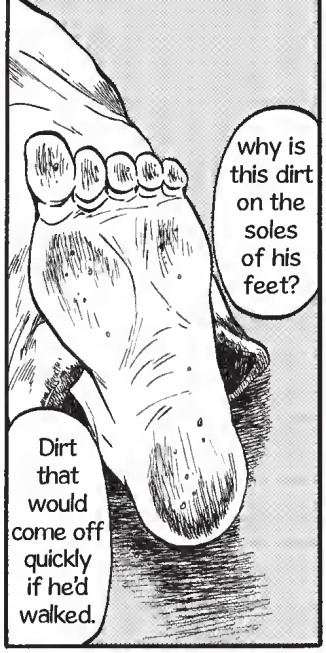

Who is this guy...?





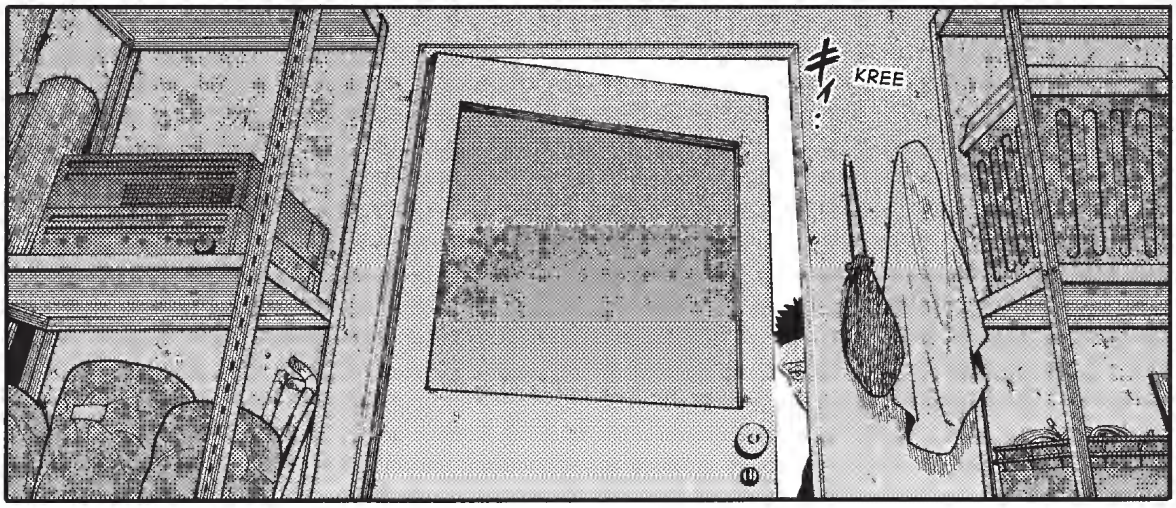

Watch your step!
You're gonna ...
SLIP
!!


PO

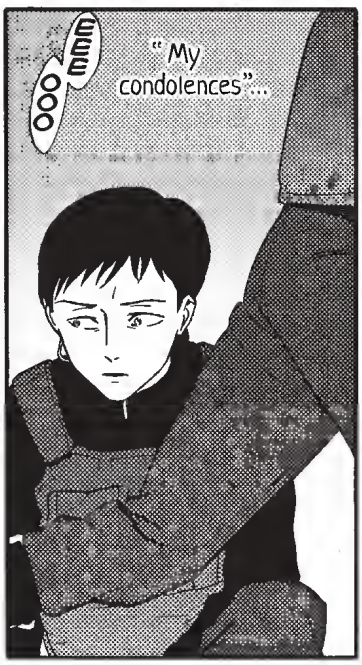

why is this dirt on the soles of his feet?
Dirt that would come off quickly if he'd walked.

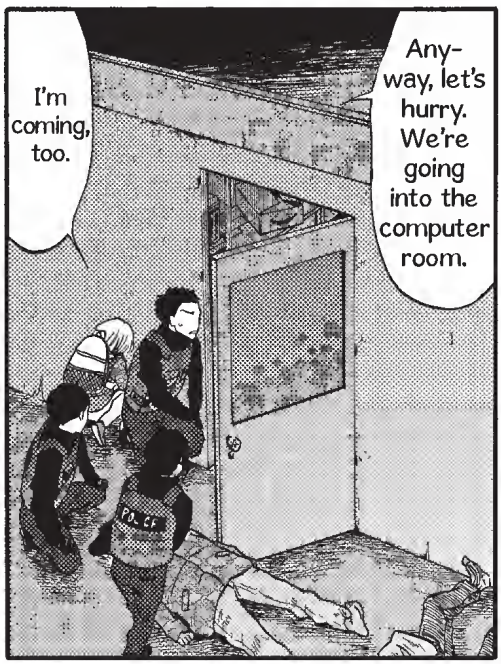

But if that's so ...
Maybe some homeless person who was squatting here?
POLIC


Hork !
PLSSH

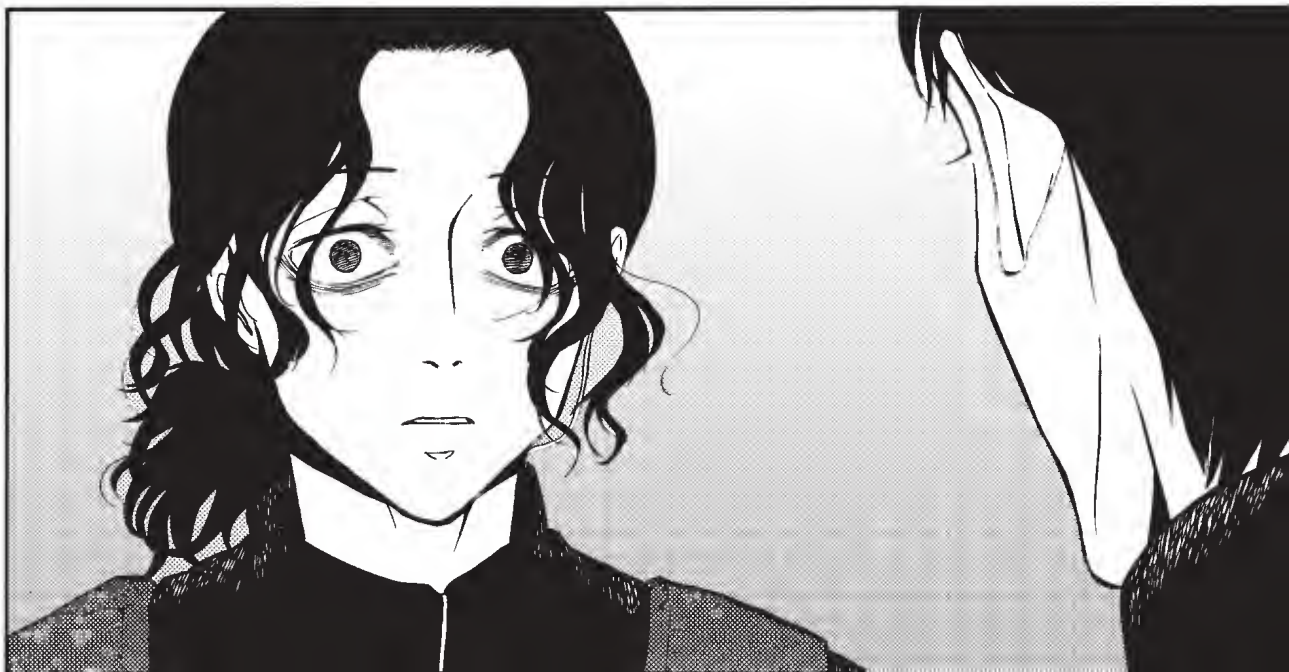

KREE

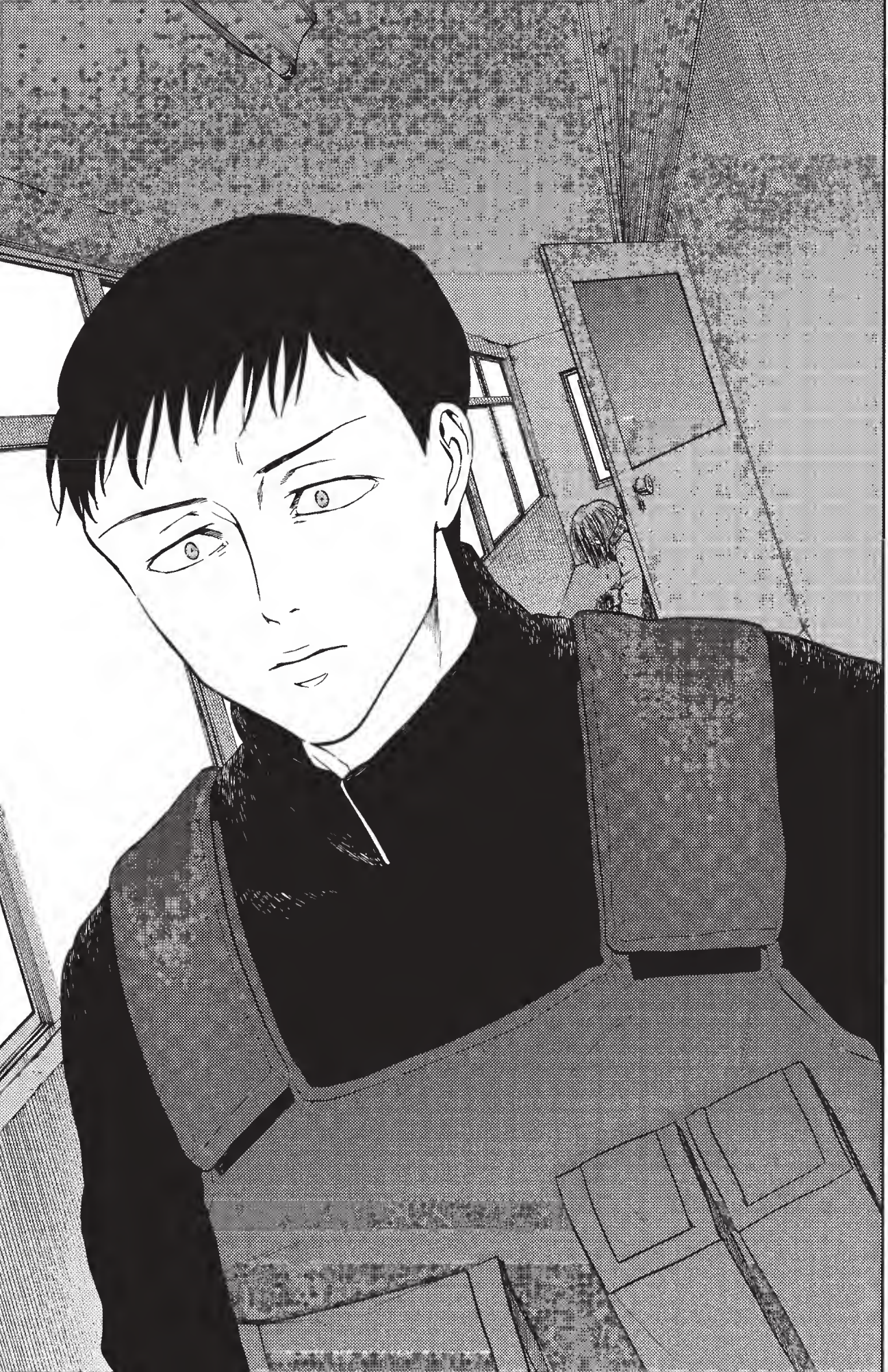

mmm
That gunshot before...


mmm
"My condolences"...

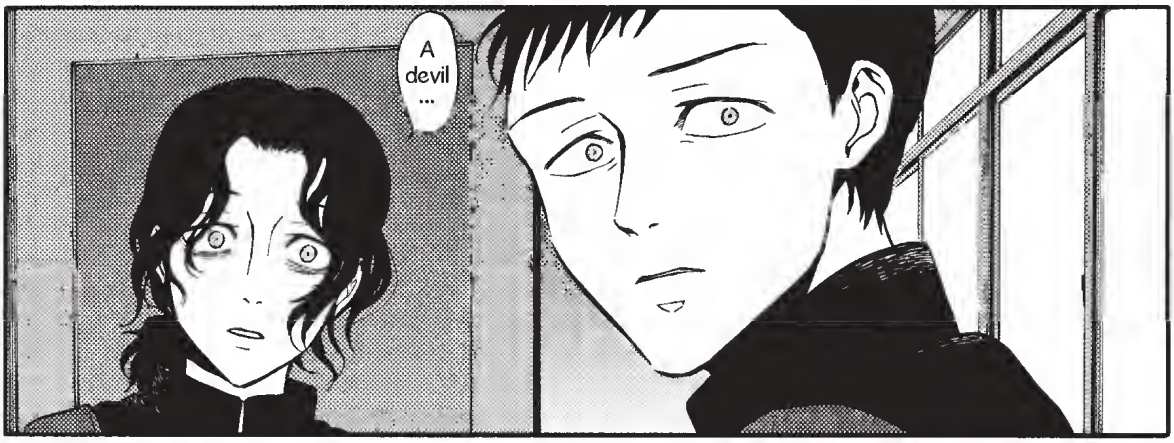

I'm coming, too.
Anyway, let's hurry. We're going into the computer room.

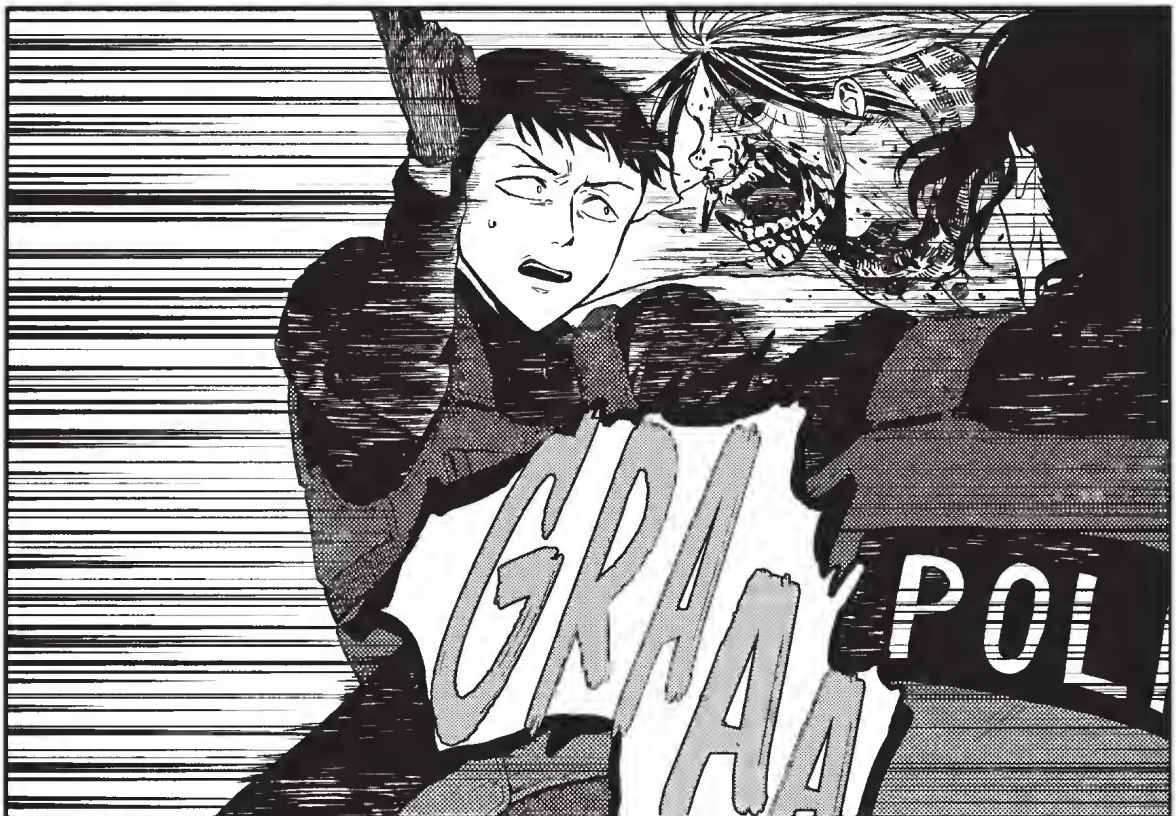

There's no third bullet...
POLICE



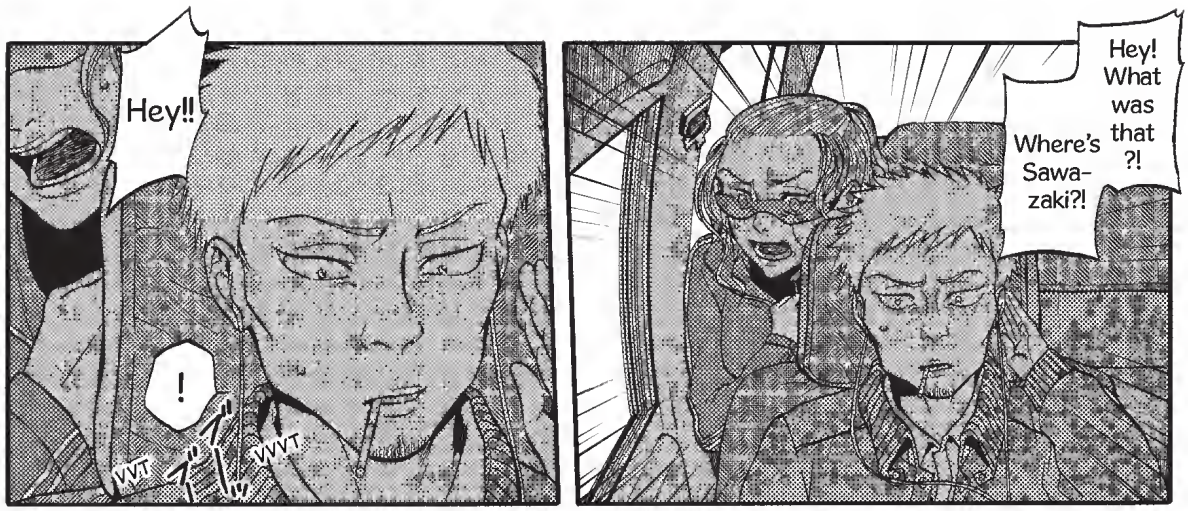



HAAH
HAAH

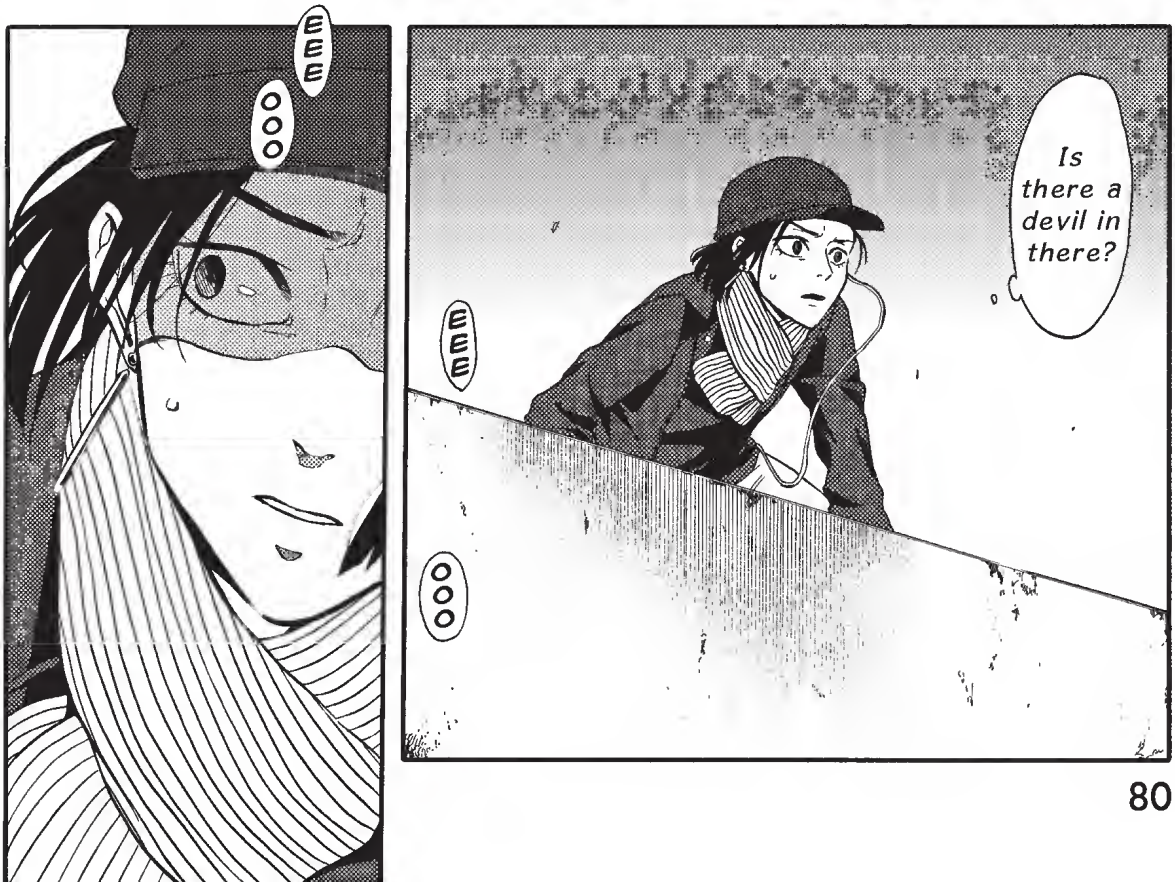

A devil ...


GRAAA
POL

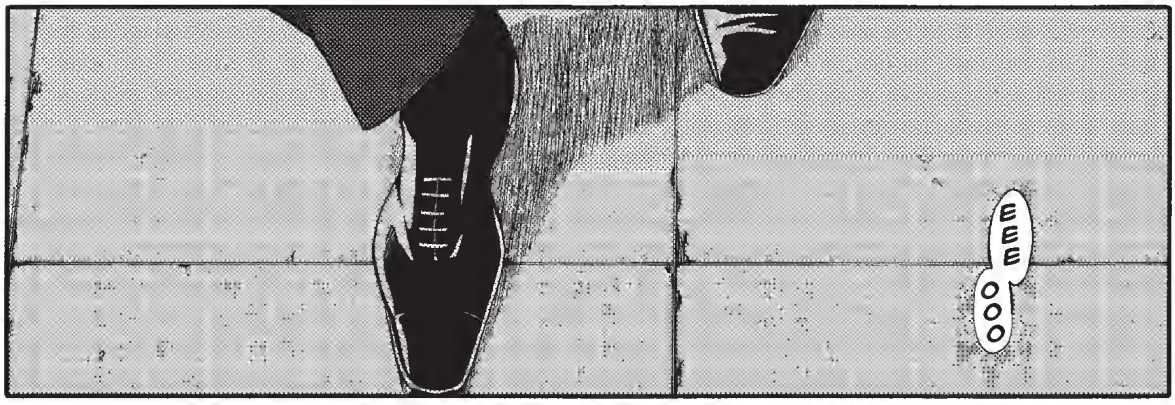

Ngh !
KZZK KZZK KZK
Sawazaki?
mmm ooo


Hey!!
!
VVT
VVVT
Hey! What was that ?!
Where's Sawa-zaki?!


EEE
OOO
3:27
Friday, February 15
Yoshiyuki Uno (just now)
New message
> Slide to reply


EEE
OOO
EEE
OOO
Is there a devil in there?

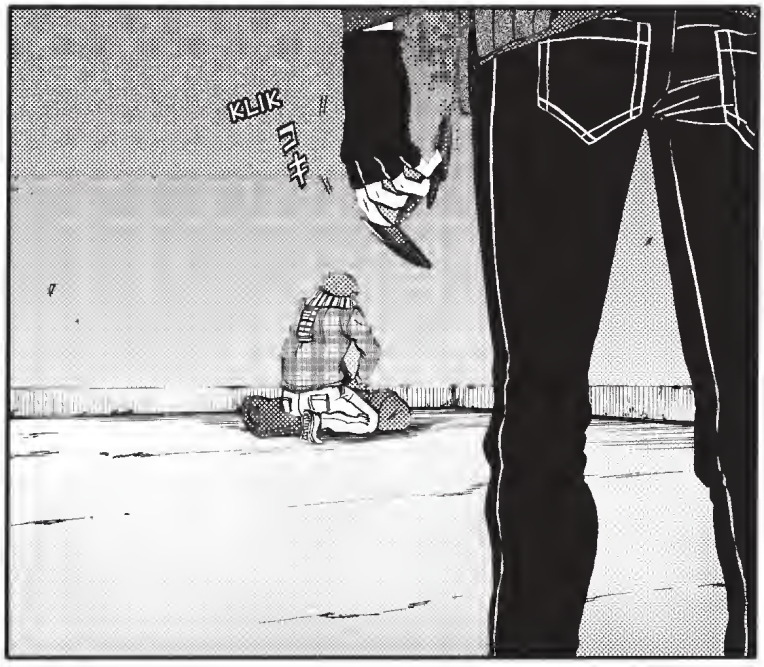

EEE
OOO
EEE
And why are police sirens
coming this way...?


EEE
OOO


EEE
OOO
I brought the homeless people from Kanagawa.
Seven devils, one human.
Three were killed with bullets used by Division 5...
An armed F Squad bringing the enemy onto the scene without permission.


Now there's pretext.
I'm going in!




KLIK
カチ


Sakaki, go back to the car.
O... Okay!





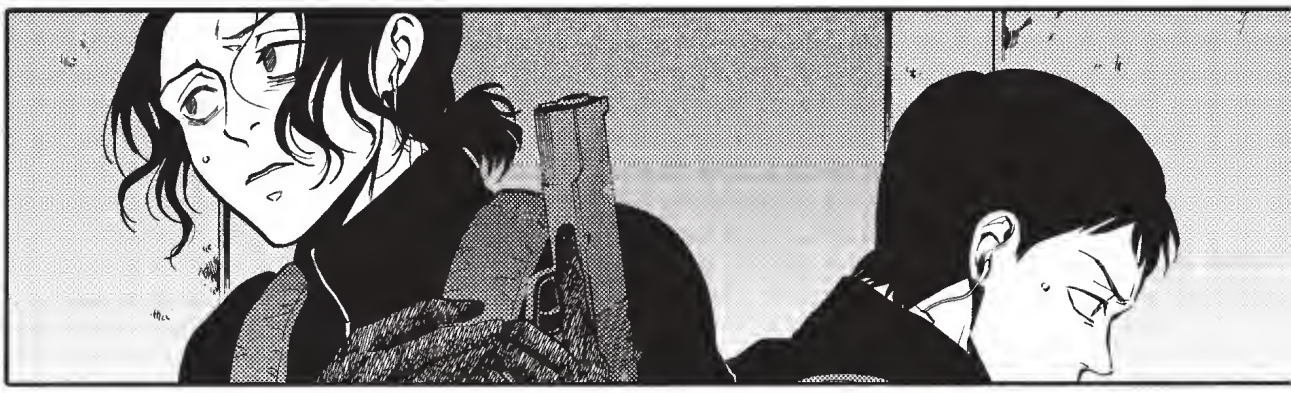



Line 35
Inferno


UUH
URR
UUH
UUH
——
Are you all right?
Yeah, but he bit m—
WHUD
POLICE

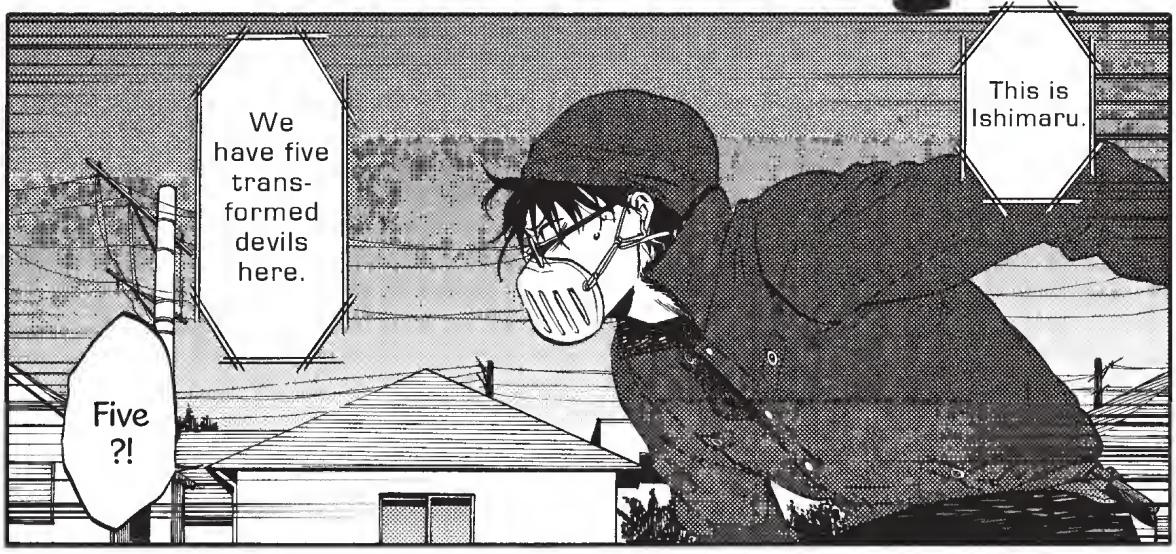

Behind you !!
WHAM
SLAM
POLICE
Hey! What —?!
POL


BANG
Close the door!!
OLICE




No way...


THMP

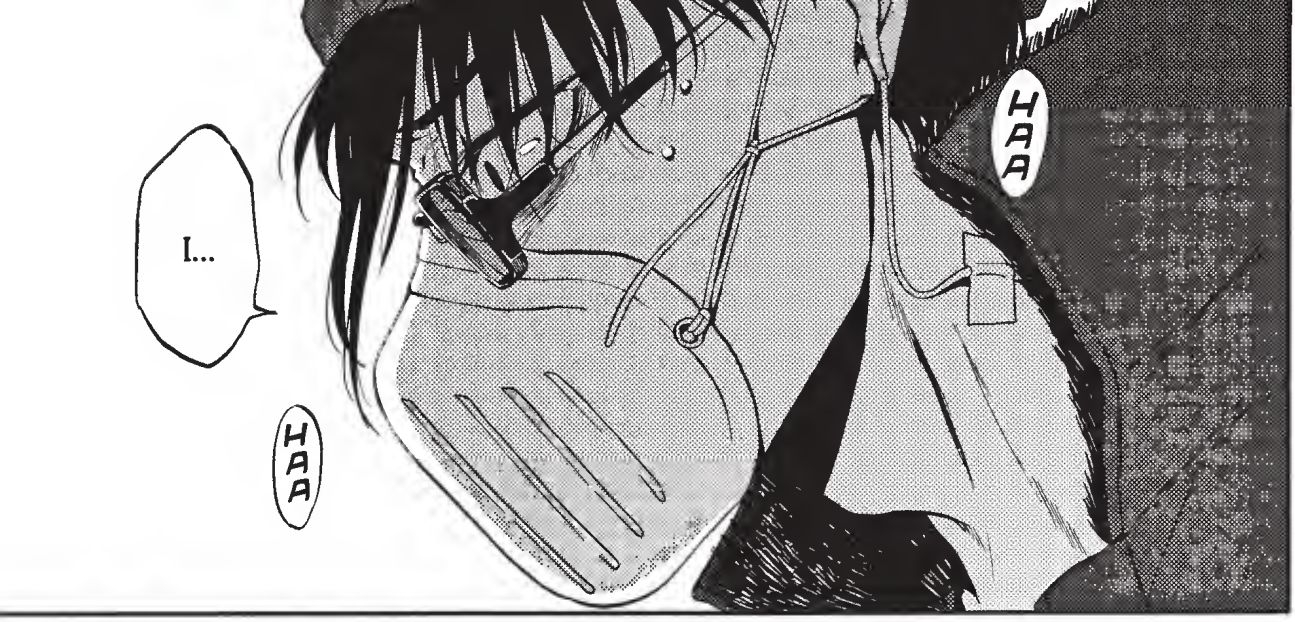

This is Ishimaru.
We have five trans-formed devils here.
Five ?!


THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
The third gunshot killed a human.

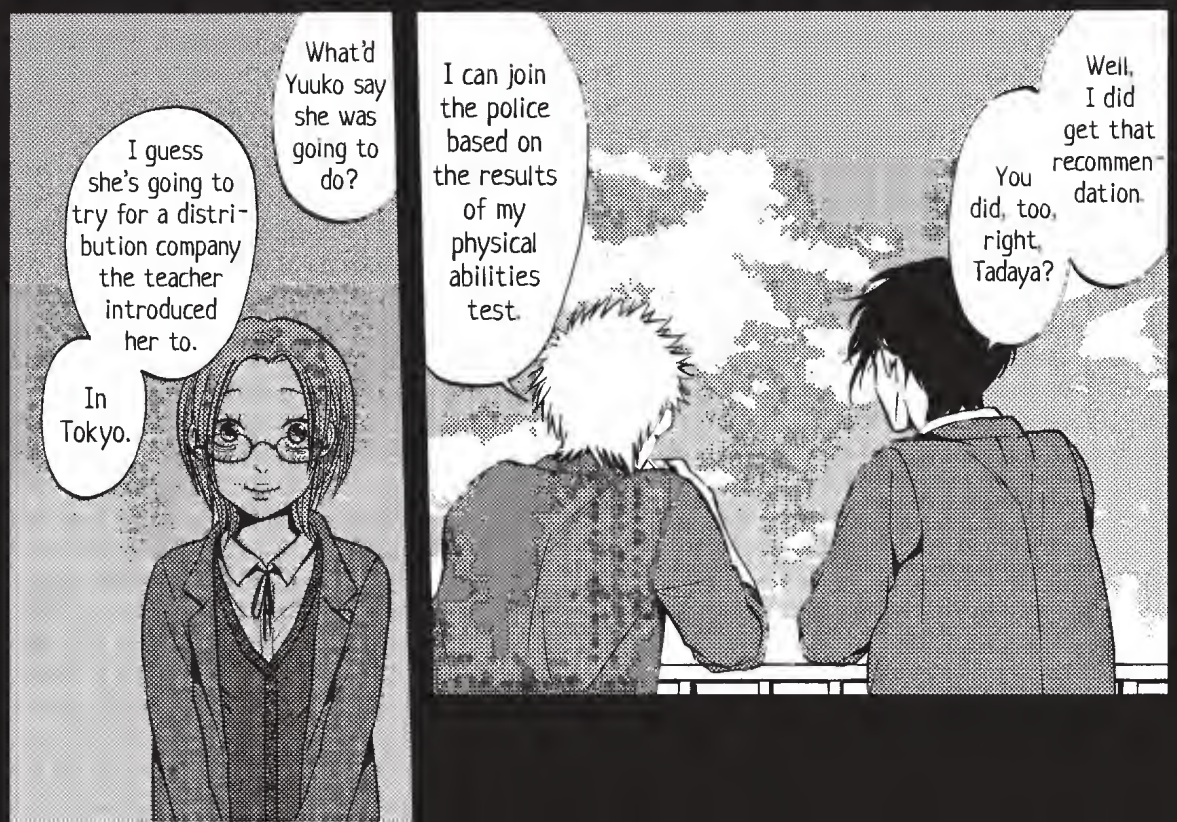

The two in the hall aren't *human*.
but the devils aren't even looking at them ...
There are two bodies in the hall.


!
No... there's one more body.


Anzai.
Give me your exact position ...
So then please hide that one from my sight. I'm coming to help!!
The five devils crowded in on the one human's blood and drank it.
There's just that one human?!
I'm bleeding, too.
KREAK
And even if I weren't, if anyone finds out you deployed,
you'll be fired.

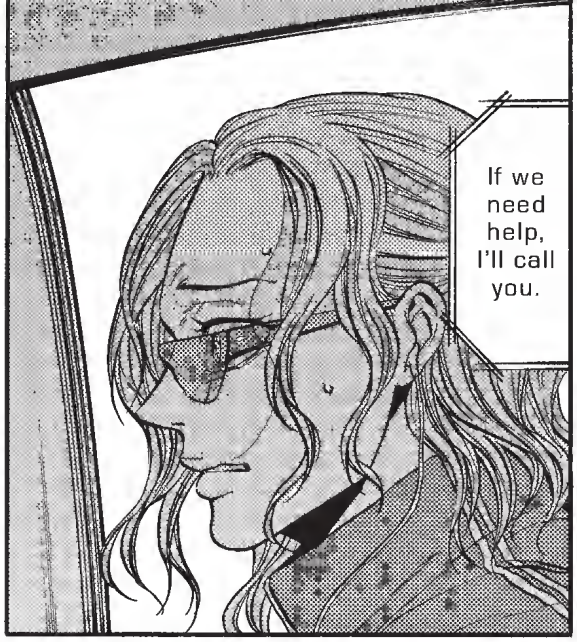

I...
HAA
HAA

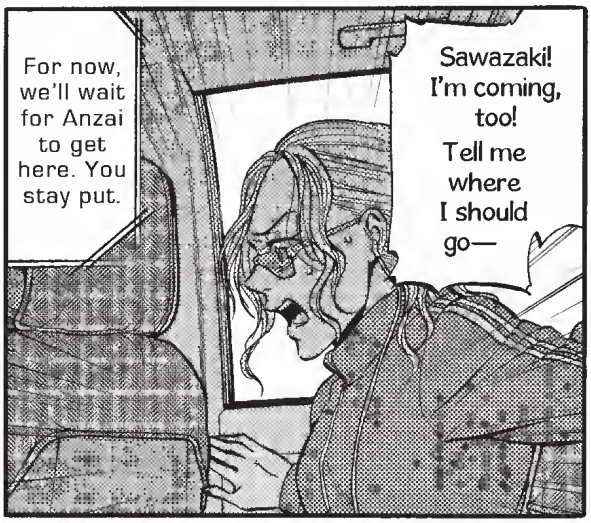

You decide what you're gonna do, Yuuki?

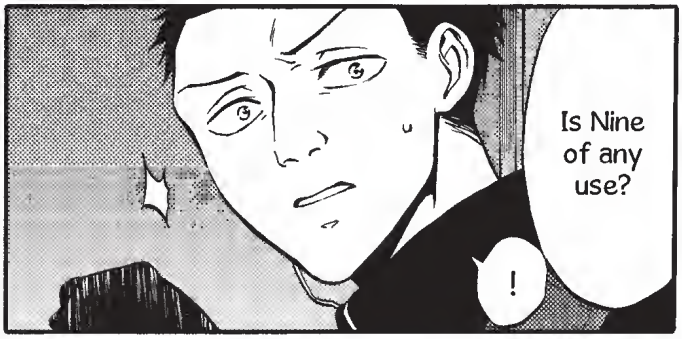

What'd Yuuko say she was going to do?
I guess she's going to try for a distribution company the teacher introduced her to.
In Tokyo.
I can join the police based on the results of my physical abilities test.
You did, too, right, Tadaya?
Well, I did get that recommendation.


I'm different now.
You were good at making snow penguins and stuff.
Was I?
Way back when, didn't you say you were gonna be an artist?
So that means both of our dreams came true.
We'll be on the frontline of protecting people's lives.


I...
The only ones who can stop devil criminals are fellow devils.
I'm going to protect you guys!!
ICE
Fine.
...

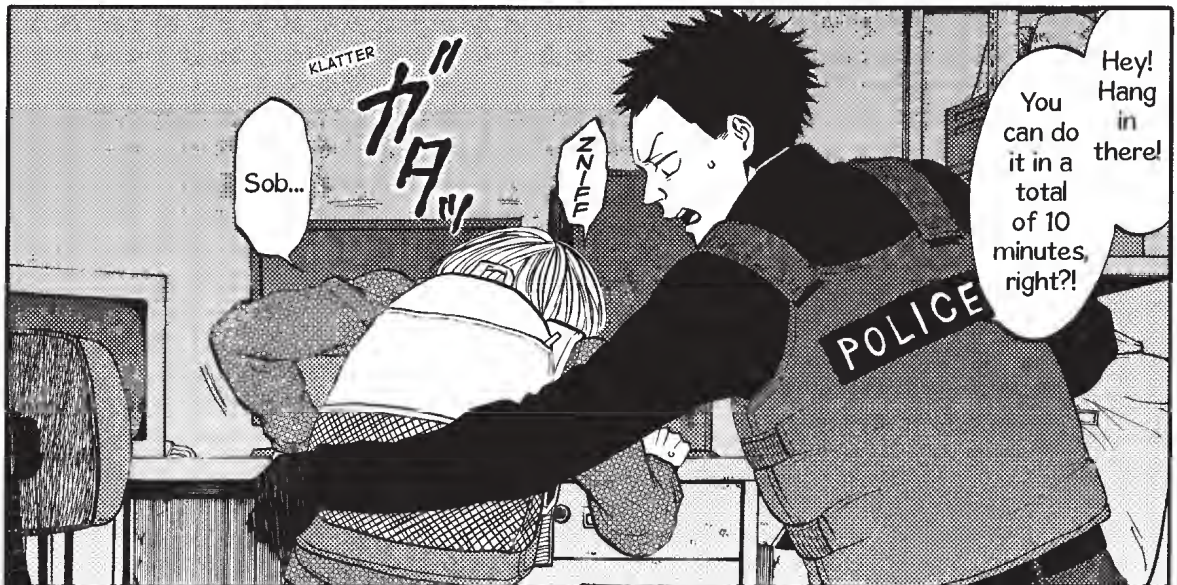

If we need help, I'll call you.


For now, we'll wait for Anzai to get here. You stay put.
Sawazaki! I'm coming, too! Tell me where I should go—


Is Nine of any use?
!


Hey! You okay?!
BANG
BANG
We're fine. Please hurry up and copy the list.

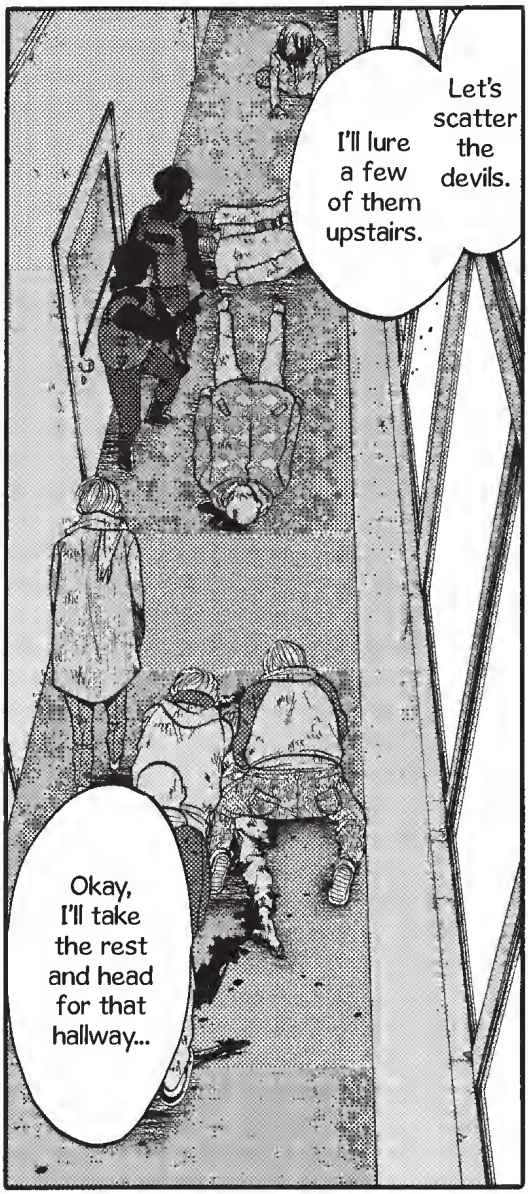

Aaaah ...
Waaah ...
ポロ ポロ
PLIP
PLIP


KLATTER
ガタン
Sob...
ZNIEF
POLICE
You can do it in a total of 10 minutes, right?!
Hey! Hang in there!


Kaoru Ishiyama
SNIFF
Kaoru Ishi
3:3
Friday, Febru
Takimoto
Got the ar
about tha
> Slide to rep
3:36
Friday, February 15
Takimoto (just now)
Got the answer
about that case. U...
> Slide to reply
SNIFF
SNIFF
WT
WT
WT




Let's try to avoid any more casualties ...
Asami, guard Nine.
There might be other devils.

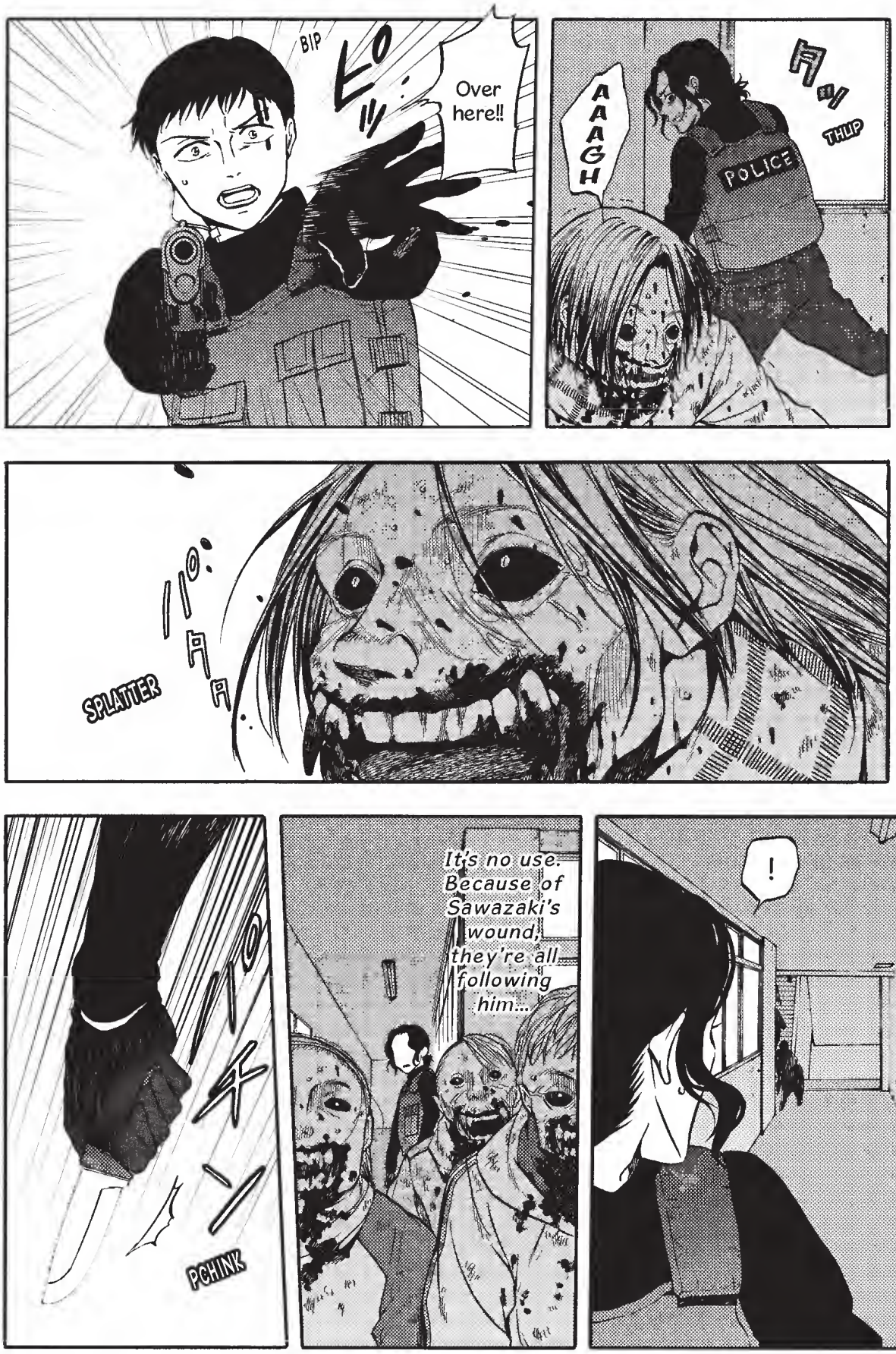

Okay, I'll take the rest and head for that hallway...
I'll lure a few of them upstairs.
Let's scatter the devils.


That goes for you, too.


B-A
Here we go!!
NG

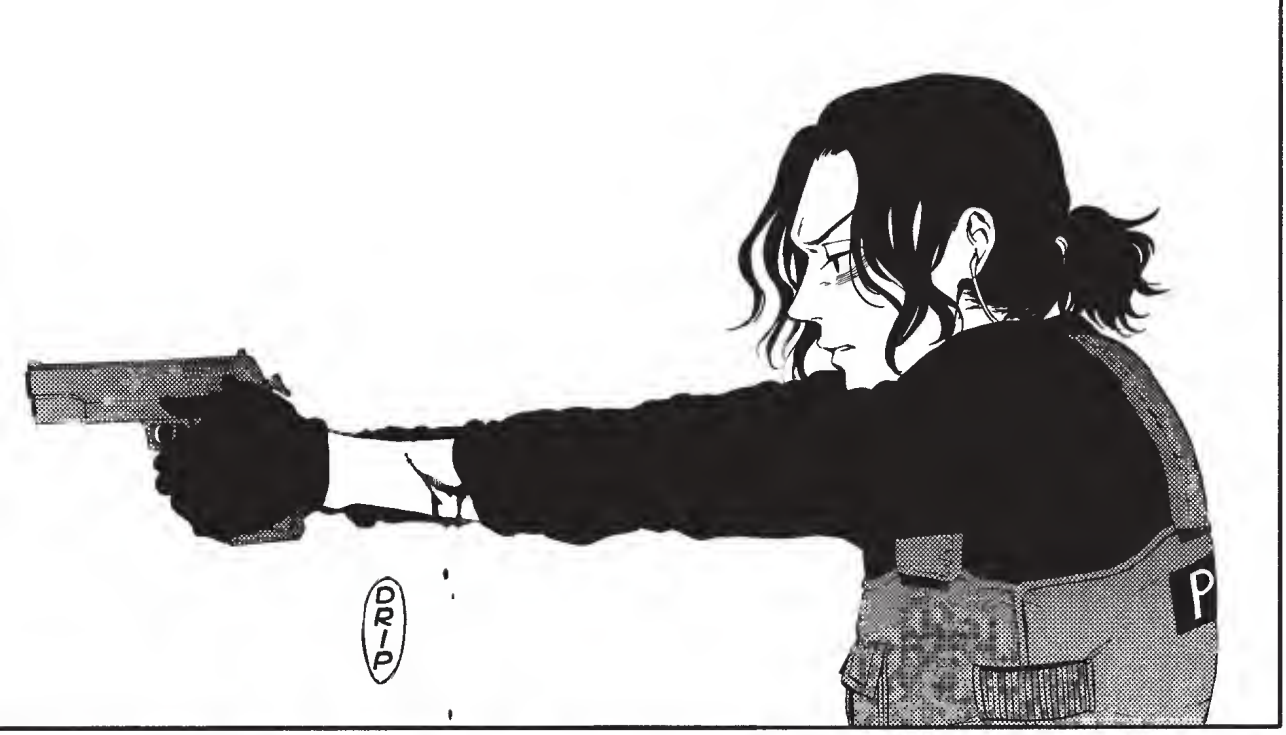

GRAAAA
This way! Come on!


BSSHT
BSSHT

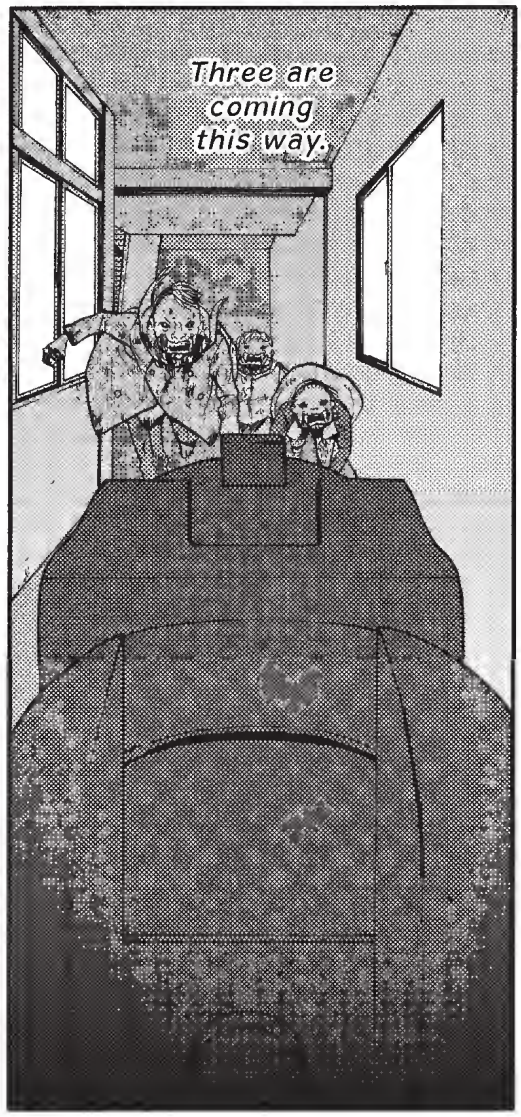

BIP
Over here!!
AAAGH
THUP
POLICE
SPLATTER
PCHINK
It's no use. Because of Sawazaki's wound, they're all following him...
!


SNIFF
OOZE
Come on.

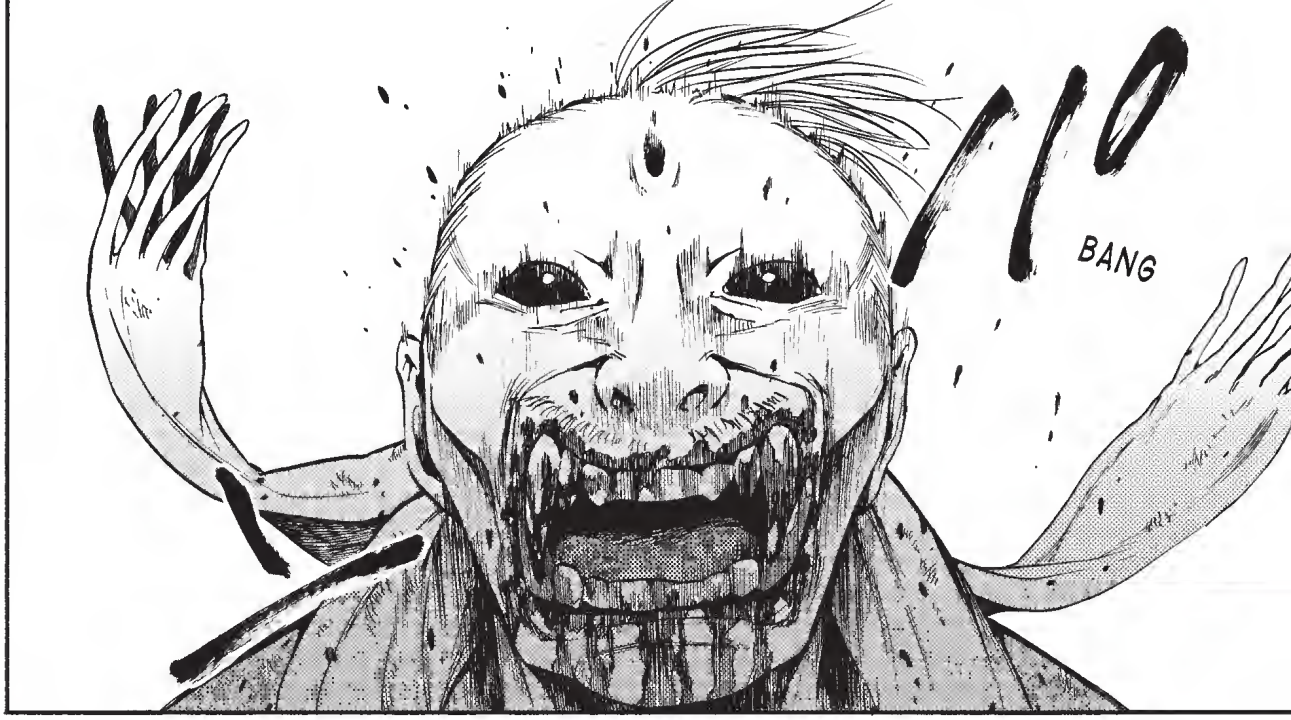

LEAP
THUP
THUP
THUP
CHFF


DRIP
P


...Good.


Three are coming this way.


Sawazaki wouldn't be able to kill them.


BANG

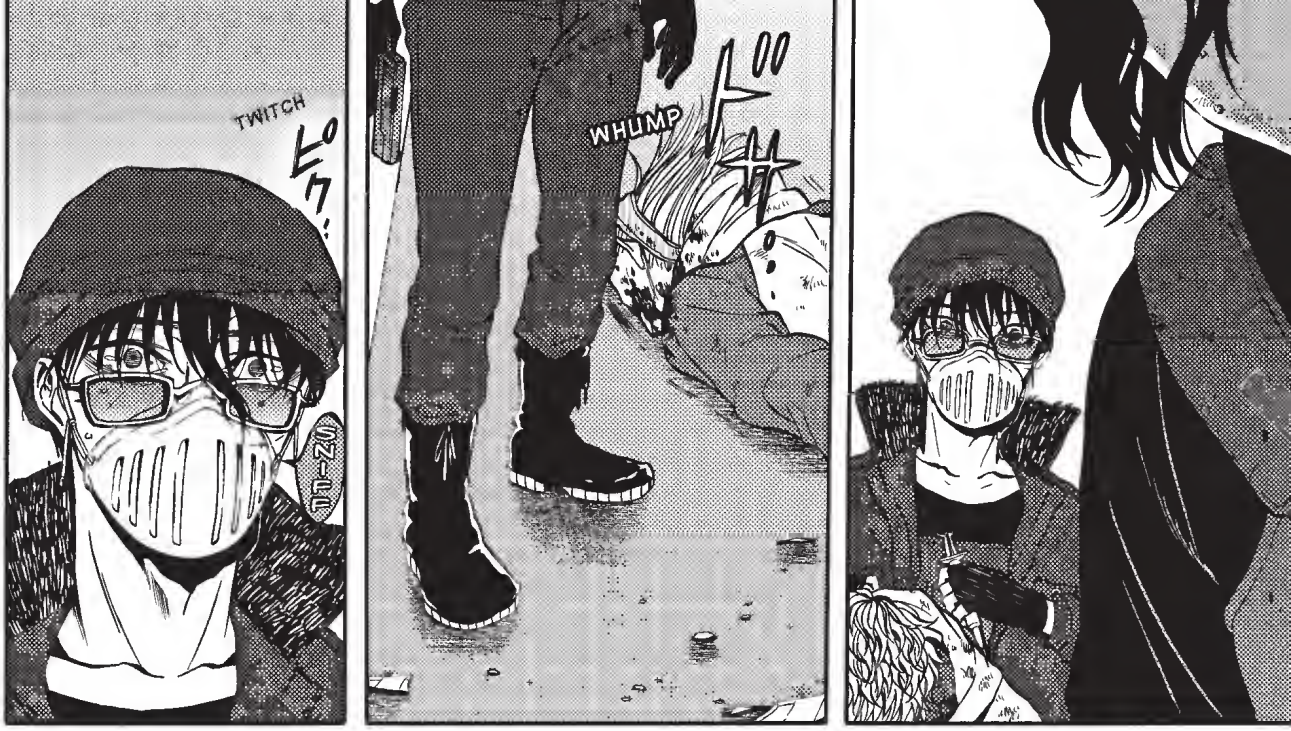

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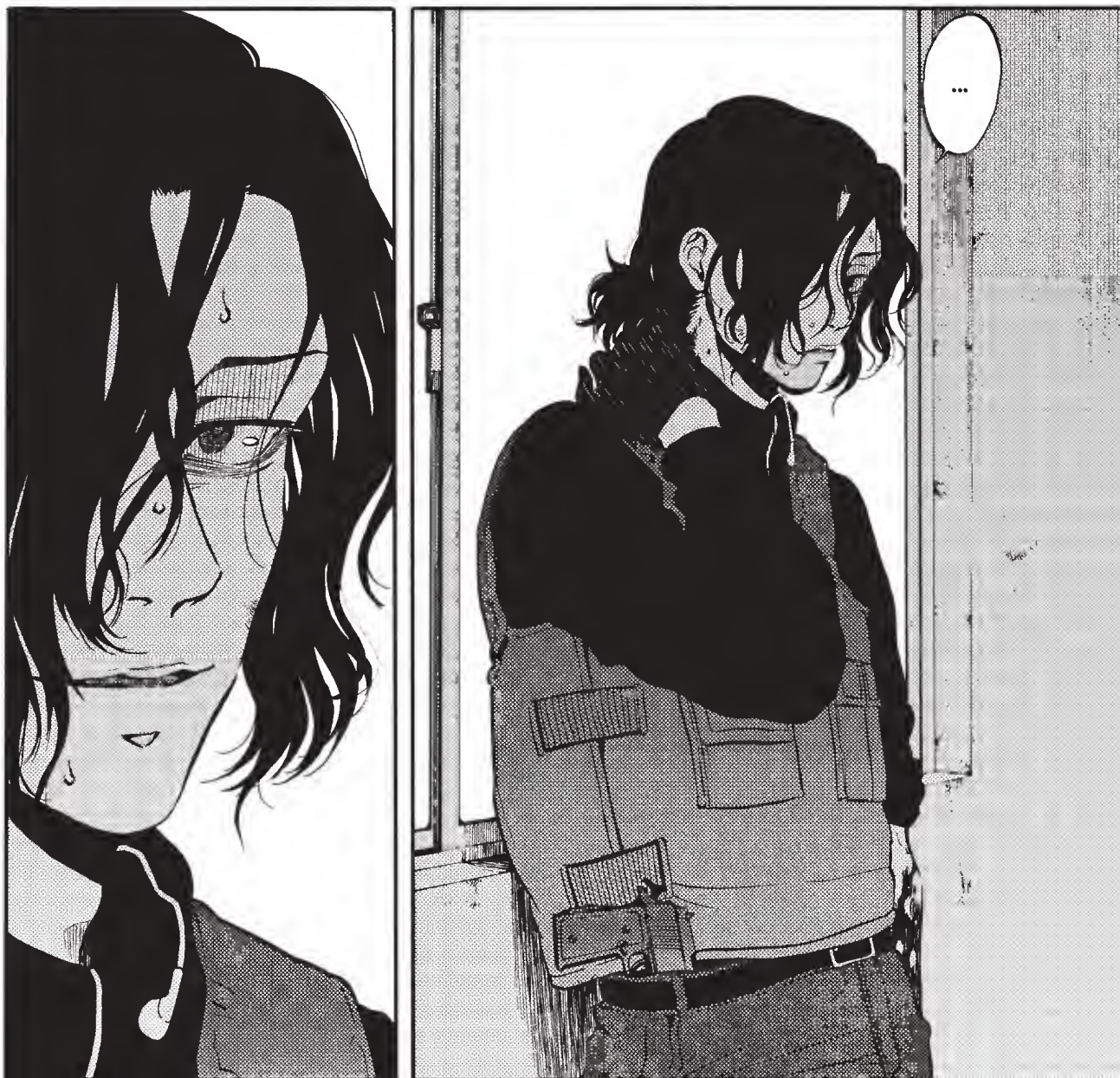



Ngh!
CHOMP
SLAM
WAAAGH
BANG
KOEP

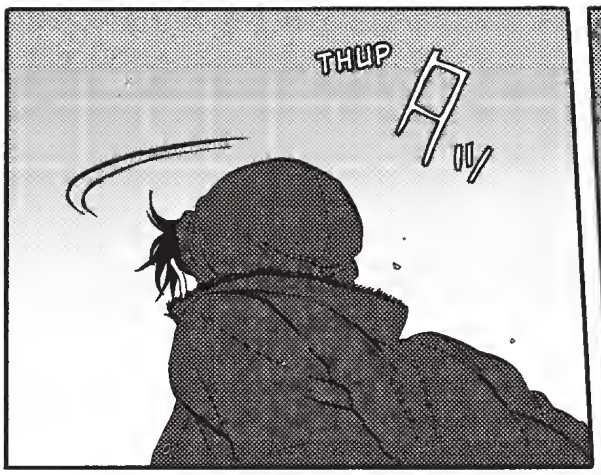

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KRAA
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STABB
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POLICE

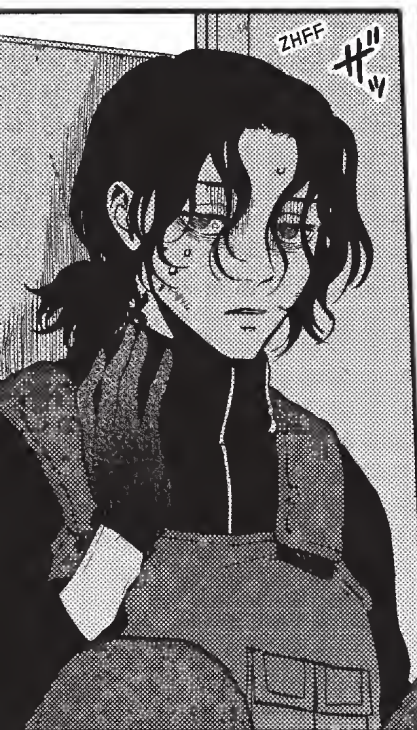

TWITCH
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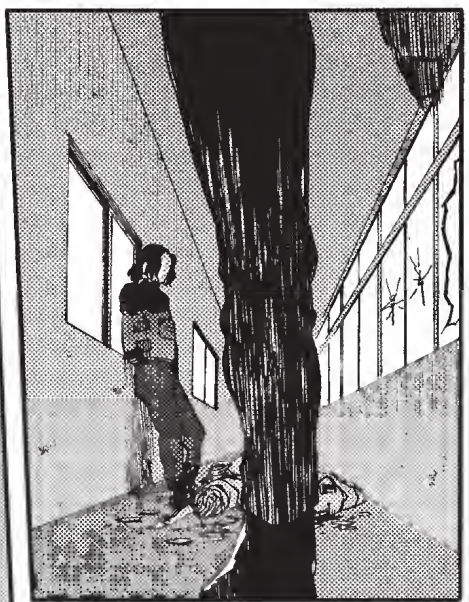

Sawa-
zaki's on
the 3rd
floor...
There
are two
devils
over
there.
You
have to
hurry.


THUP


or
they'll
get
him.


ZHFF


SLUMP
WIEW

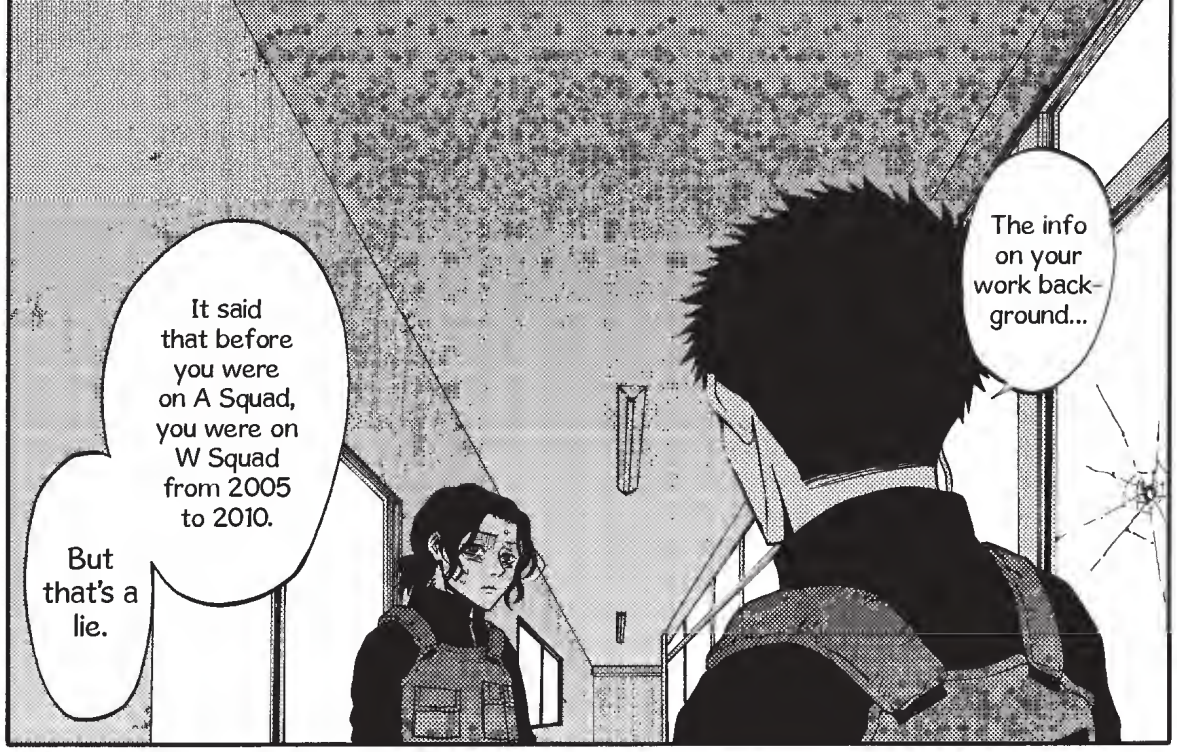


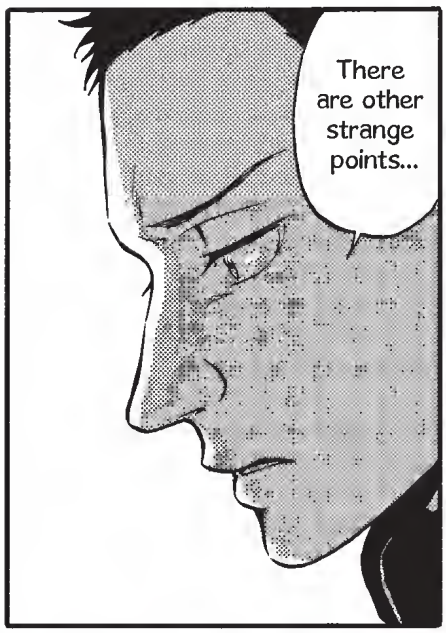

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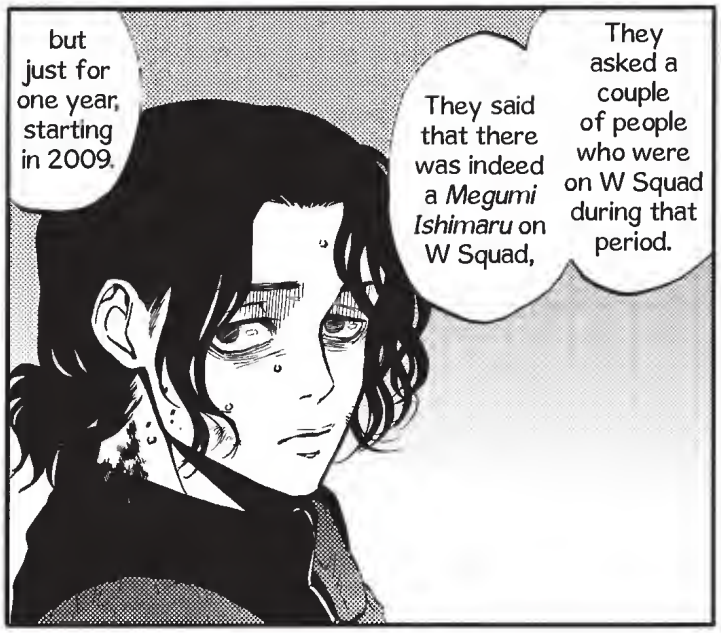

You're not guarding him?
What if there are other devils?
I made him lock the door. More importantly ...

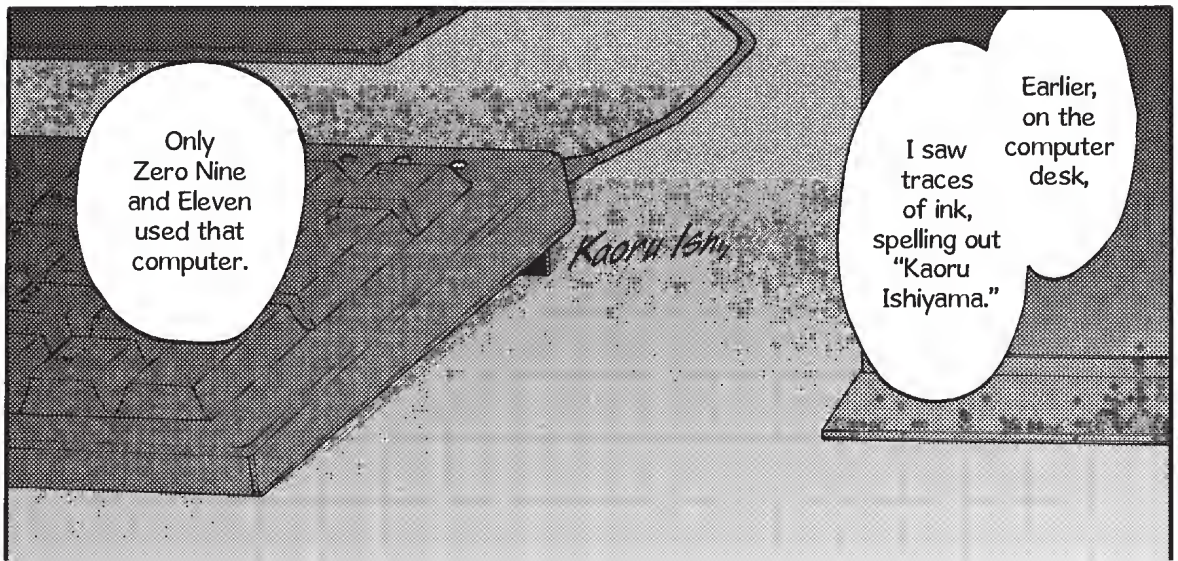

I checked with Takimoto and Uno.
They know a lot of people, so...


Where is Nine ?
He's copying the list now.

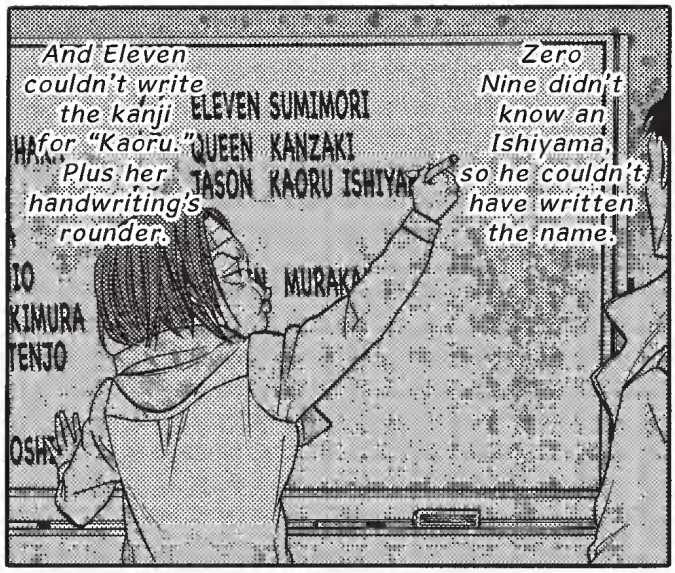

The info on your work background...
It said that before you were on A Squad, you were on W Squad from 2005 to 2010.
But that's a lie.

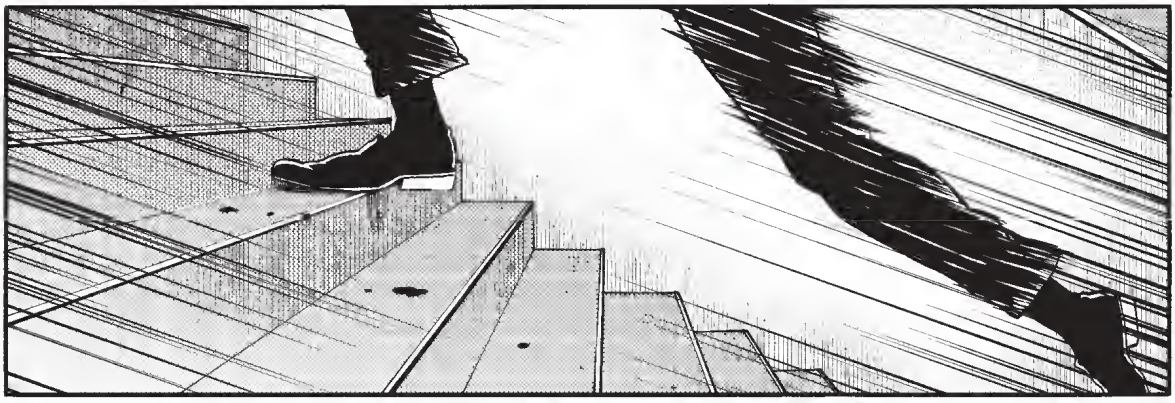

There are other strange points...

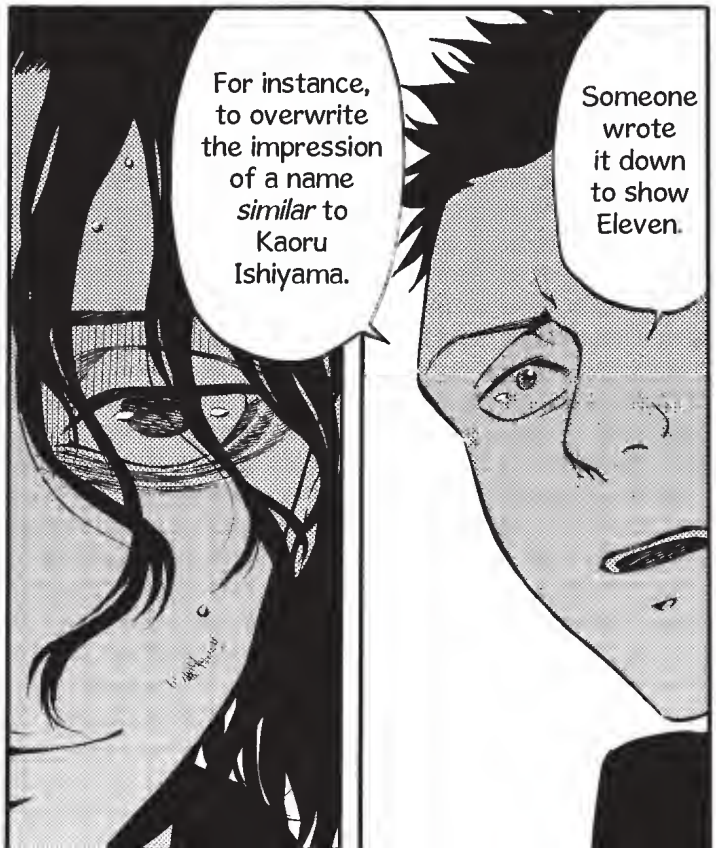

They asked a couple of people who were on W Squad during that period.
They said that there was indeed a *Megumi Ishimaru* on W Squad,
but just for one year, starting in 2009.


Earlier, on the computer desk,
I saw traces of ink, spelling out "Kaoru Ishiyama."
Only Zero Nine and Eleven used that computer.


...So?

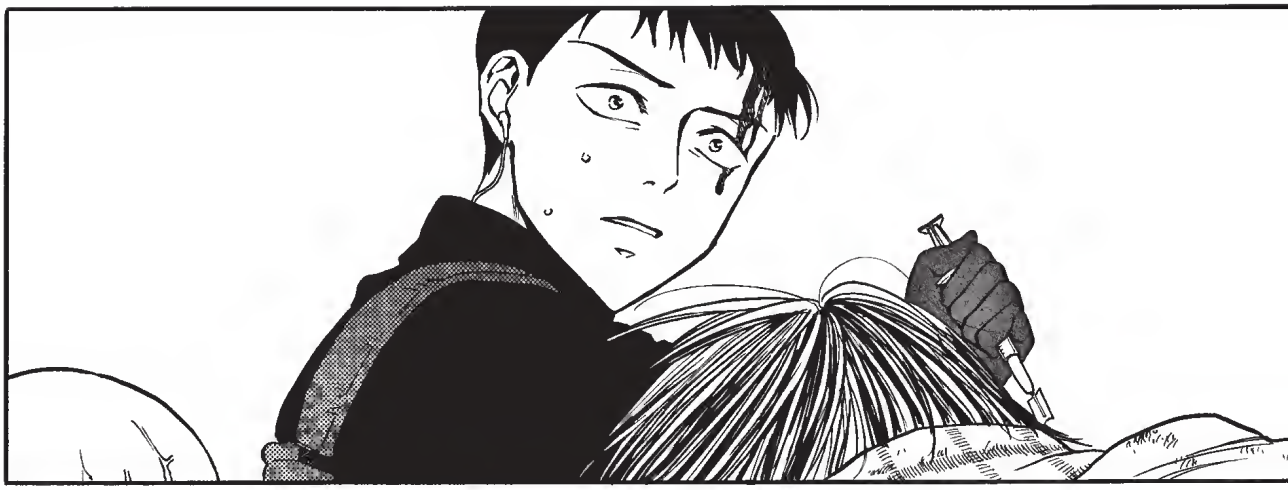

And Eleven couldn't write the kanji for "Kaoru." Plus her handwriting's rounder.
Zero Nine didn't know an Ishiyama, so he couldn't have written the name.
ELEVEN SUMIMORI
QUEEN KANZAKI
JASON KAORU ISHIYA

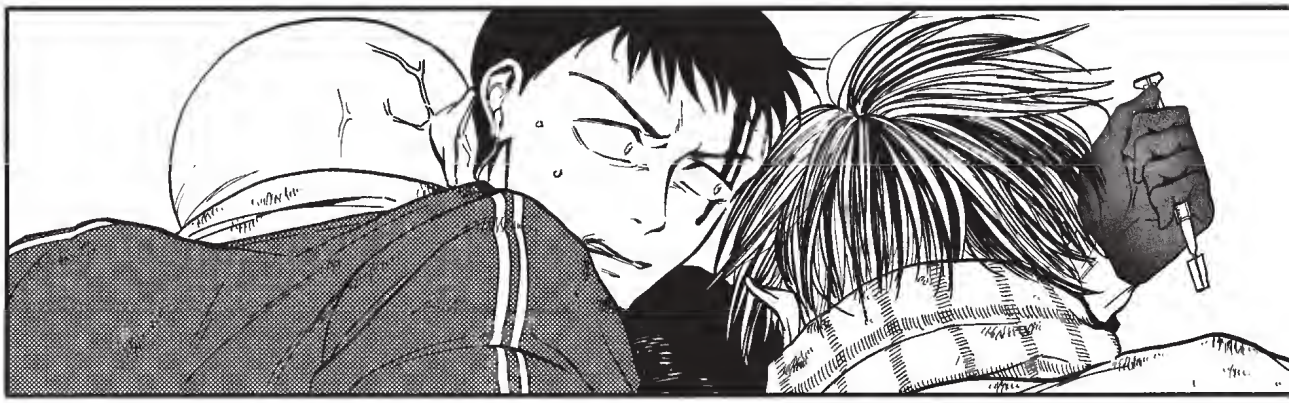



For instance, to overwrite the impression of a name *similar* to Kaoru Ishiyama.
Someone wrote it down to show Eleven.

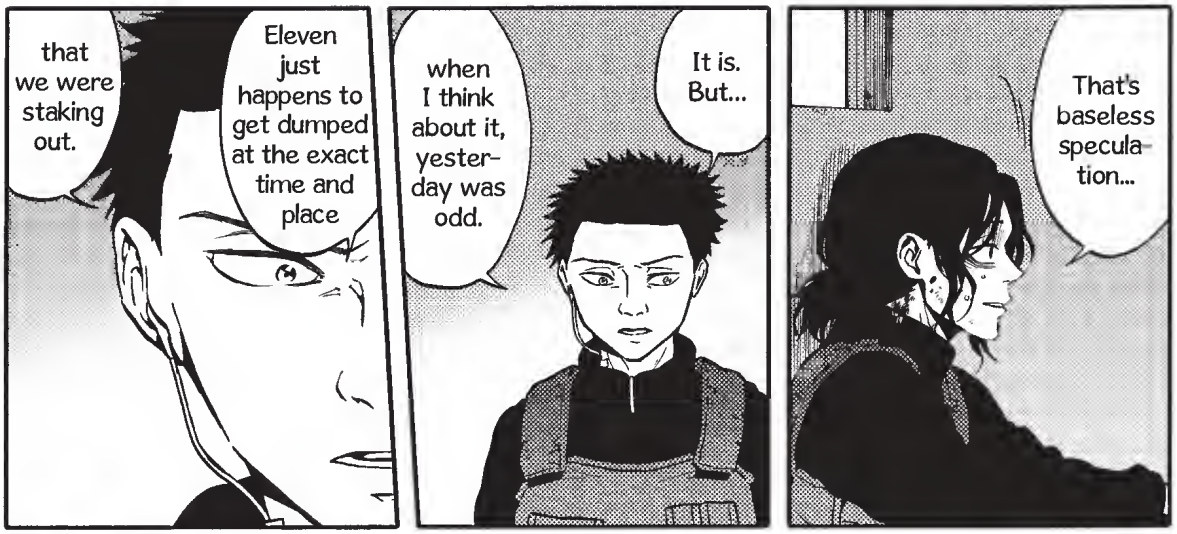

At the very least, after Zero Nine escaped.
It was written on the desk very recently.

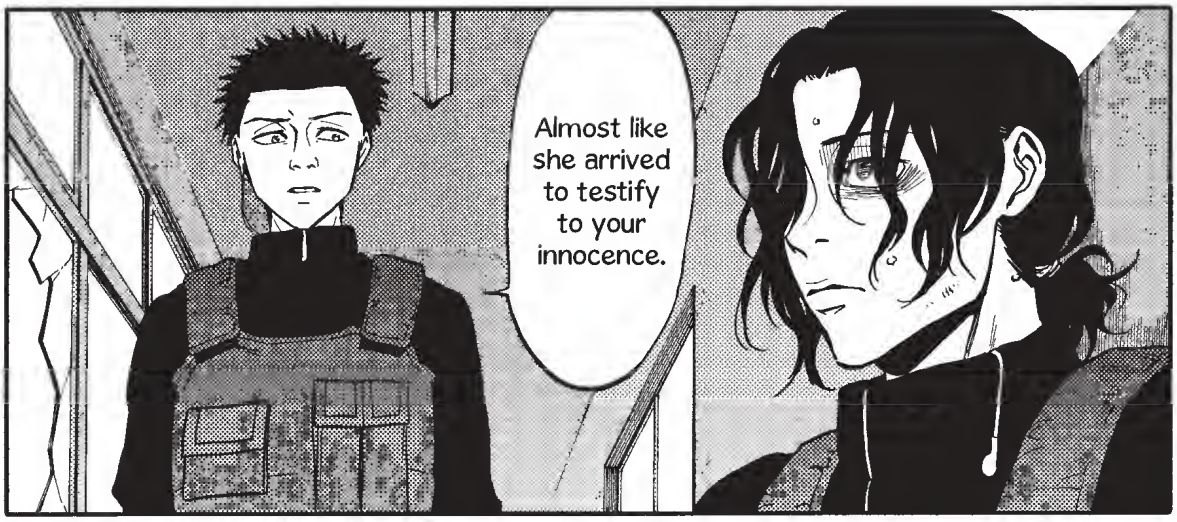

BANG
BANG
Because of the blood he got when he bit me before?!
The wound is closed over.
BWSH
ZSSH
THP








that we were staking out.
Eleven just happens to get dumped at the exact time and place
when I think about it, yesterday was odd.
It is. But...
That's baseless speculation...


Almost like she arrived to testify to your innocence.




AAAAAA!

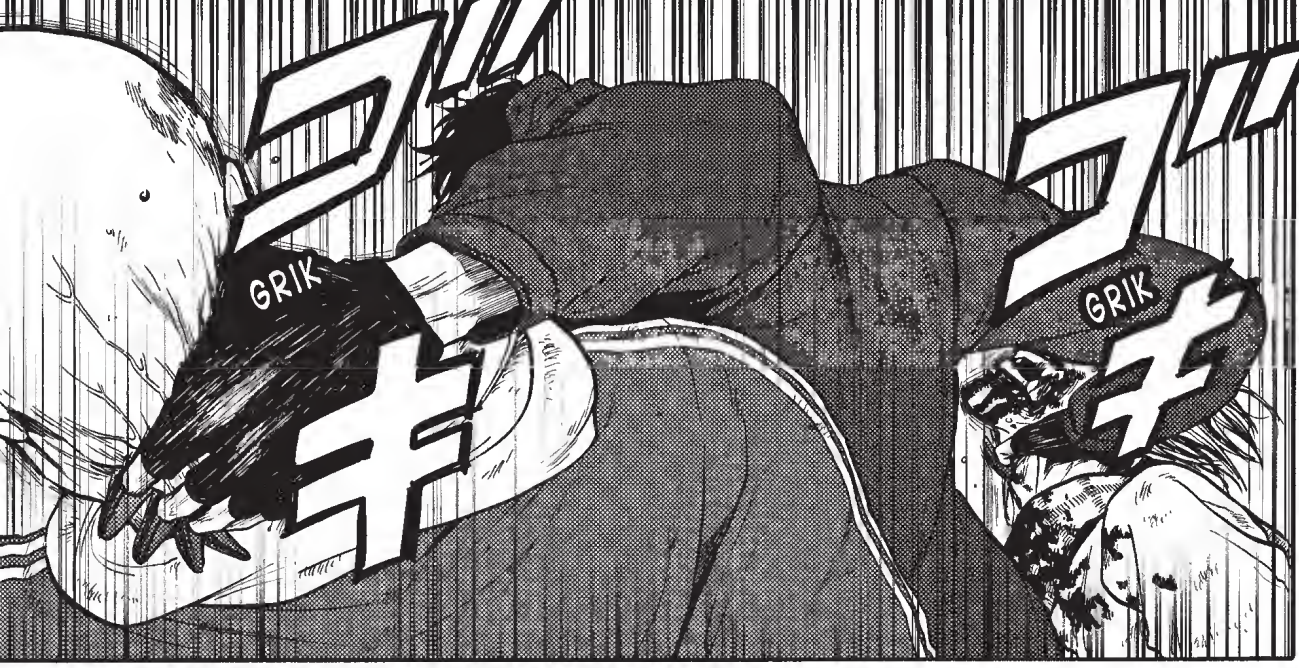

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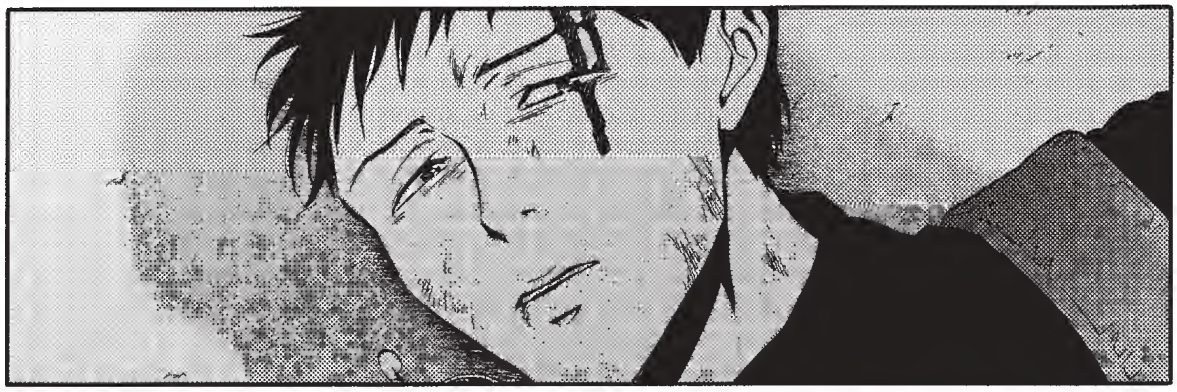

YANK




GEEEAAGH?!


KOFF
GRAB
GRAB
?!
SNIP
SNAP
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GAAAAAH!
GOFF
KAH
GAAH
GRAR


GRIK
GRIK

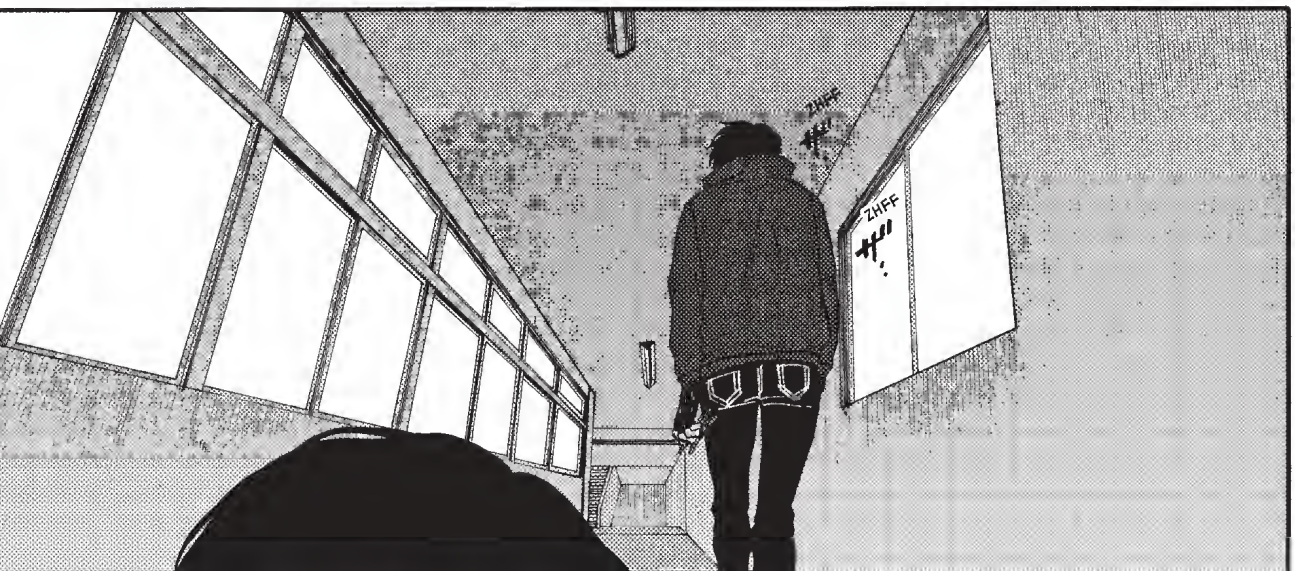


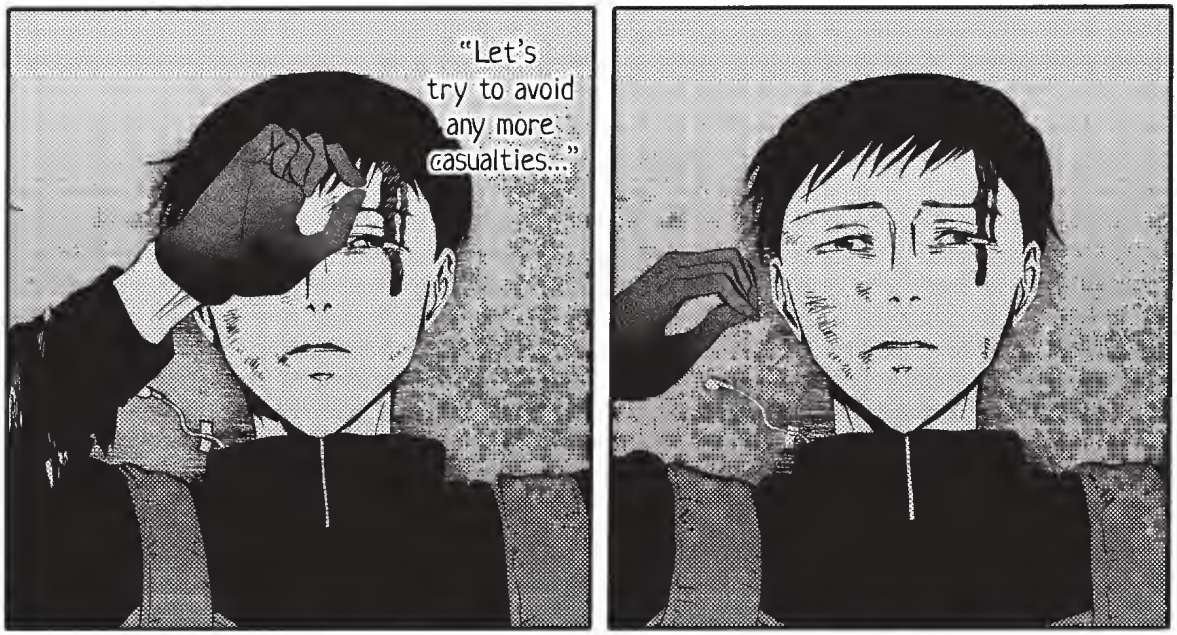

THUD
THUD

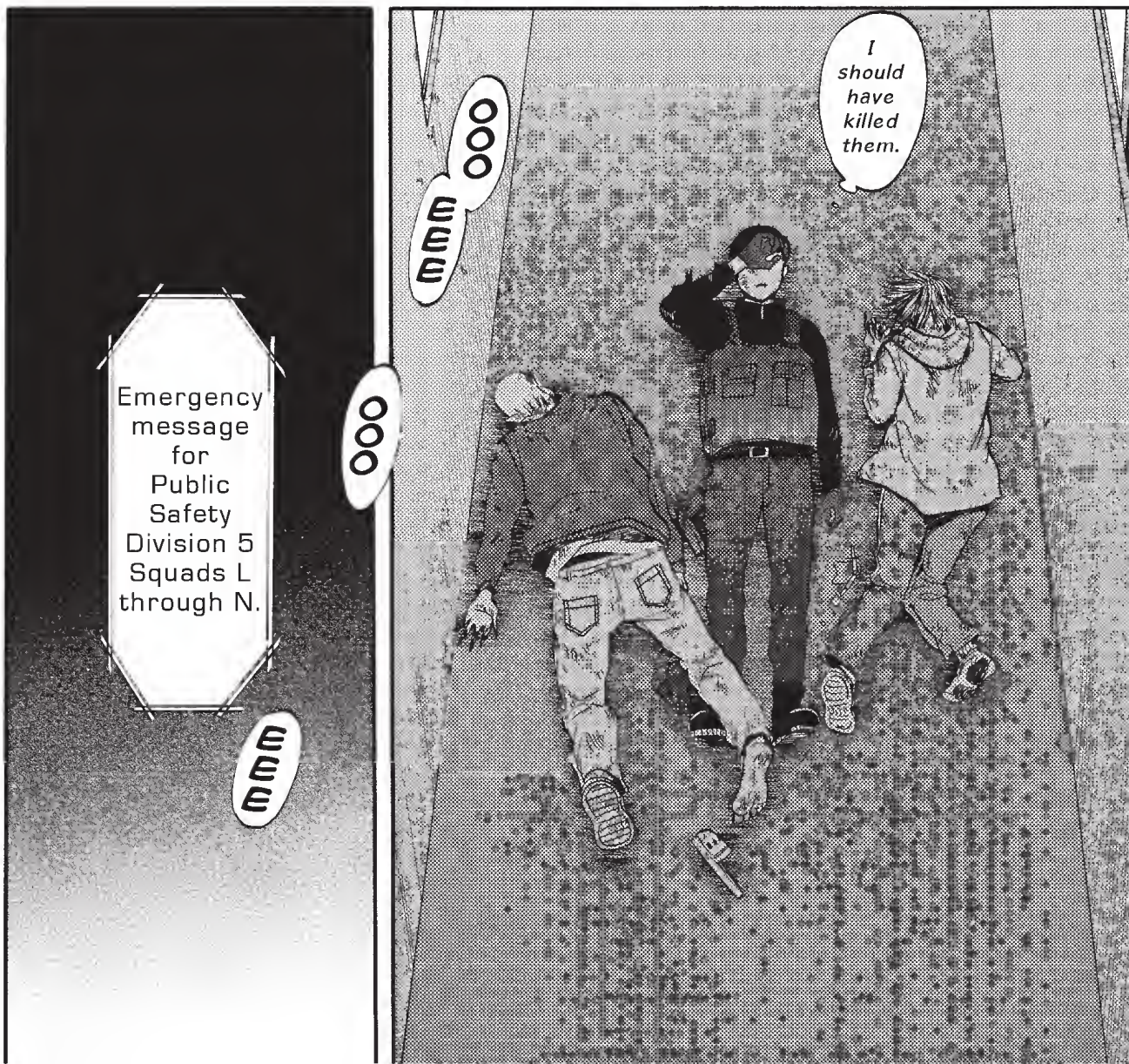
HAA
HAA


Anzai
...
ZHFF

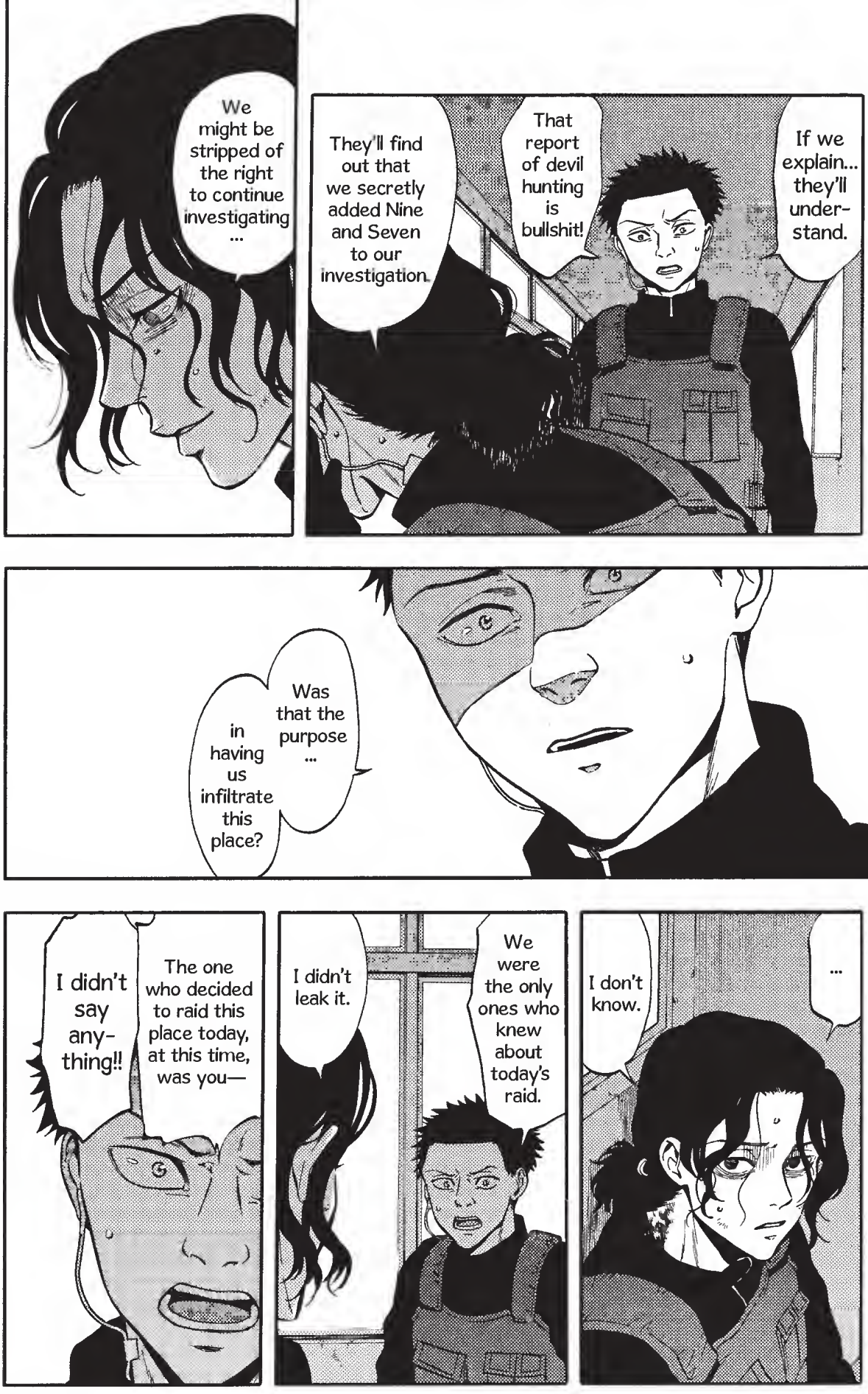

If you hadn't been here,
I would have died...


ZHFF
ZHFF

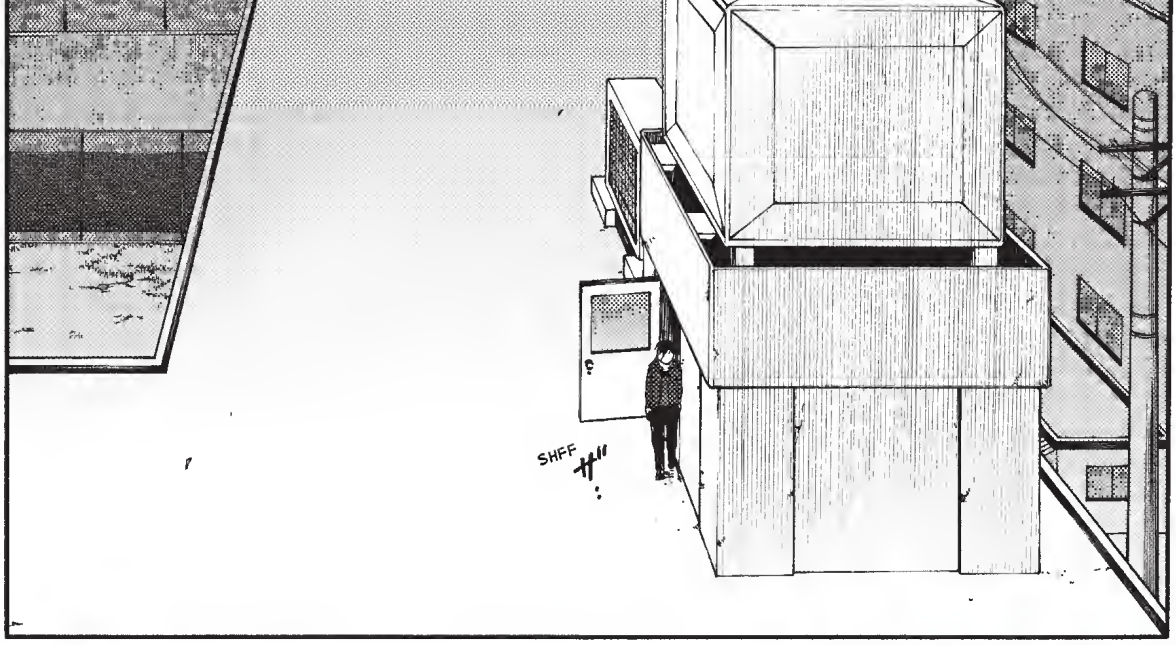

"Let's try to avoid any more casualties..."


Emergency message for Public Safety Division 5 Squads L through N.
I should have killed them.


We've received a report that several armed officers are hunting devils in an abandoned building at Hinomi 2-6, Koto Ward.
2A2B squad, which has jurisdiction, will be on the scene shortly.
Takimoto, Lloyd.
We can't do anything just sitting here, can we?!
Hey... But they're still in there!!
Shit! We gotta get away for now!
I don't know. It seems this was a trap.
Anzai...
They just said "devil hunting" ...
What's going on?!
MMN
MUMBLE
And Yanagi, your group too, please pull out.


We might be stripped of the right to continue investigating ...
They'll find out that we secretly added Nine and Seven to our investigation.
That report of devil hunting is bullshit!
If we explain... they'll understand.
Was that the purpose ...
in having us infiltrate this place?
I didn't say anything!!
The one who decided to raid this place today, at this time, was you—
I didn't leak it.
We were the only ones who knew about today's raid.
I don't know.
...


Jason did not report on today's operation.
WHOO
ゴ"
OO
オ.


SHFF


SLIDE
ズル…




DRIP
DRIP


This...
What are these tears for?
The frontline
of protecting people, huh...
That's exactly what they said in the job training lecture last year.
They turn into your own words eventually.
So, why, Yuuki?


If my memory serves me right,
way before the job training started, like back in grade school...
you were talking about the danger of "devils."
Was that because you heard about devils from someone
...?
I don't even remember.
Maybe someone did tell me something...
Hmm.
Well, anyway,
it'd be cool if we both got in with the Hokkaido Police Force.
Yeah.




Jason... you said...?


I'm Jason, number Thirteen.
Your deduction was correct. Good for you.

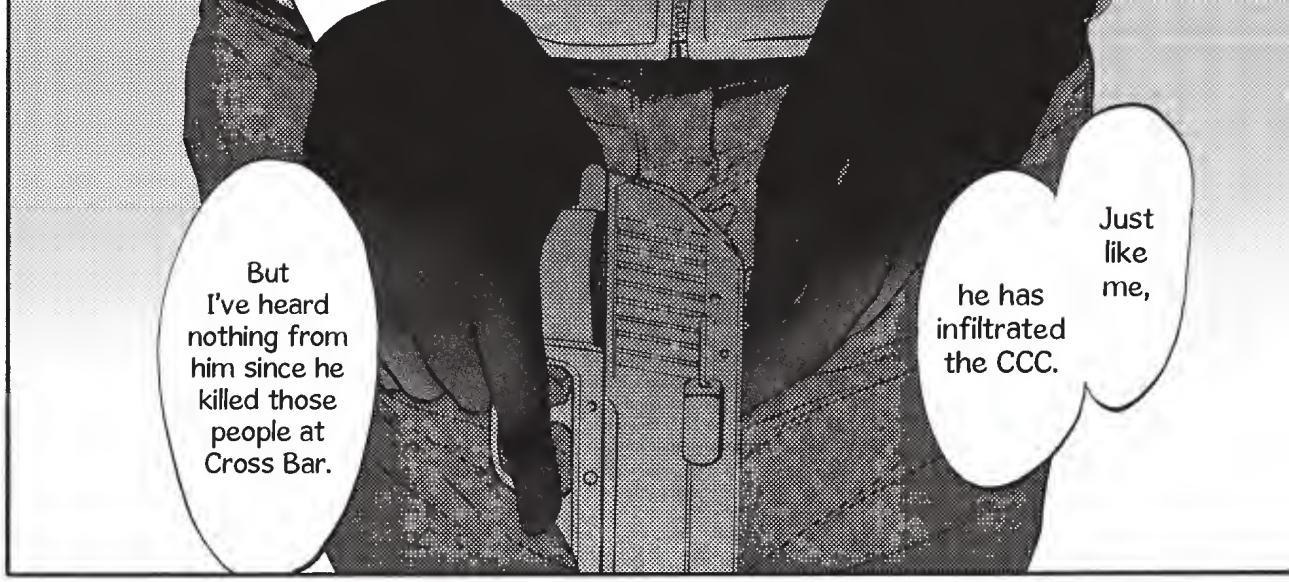



That was probably one of Queen's body-guards.
They might have been keeping watch on us.


What's your excuse?!
What exactly were you up to this whole time—
The man who shot the devil in the hallway and ran off...


?!
In a situation like this, normally, the list would've been deleted.
I didn't think they'd go so far to set up such a messy trap.

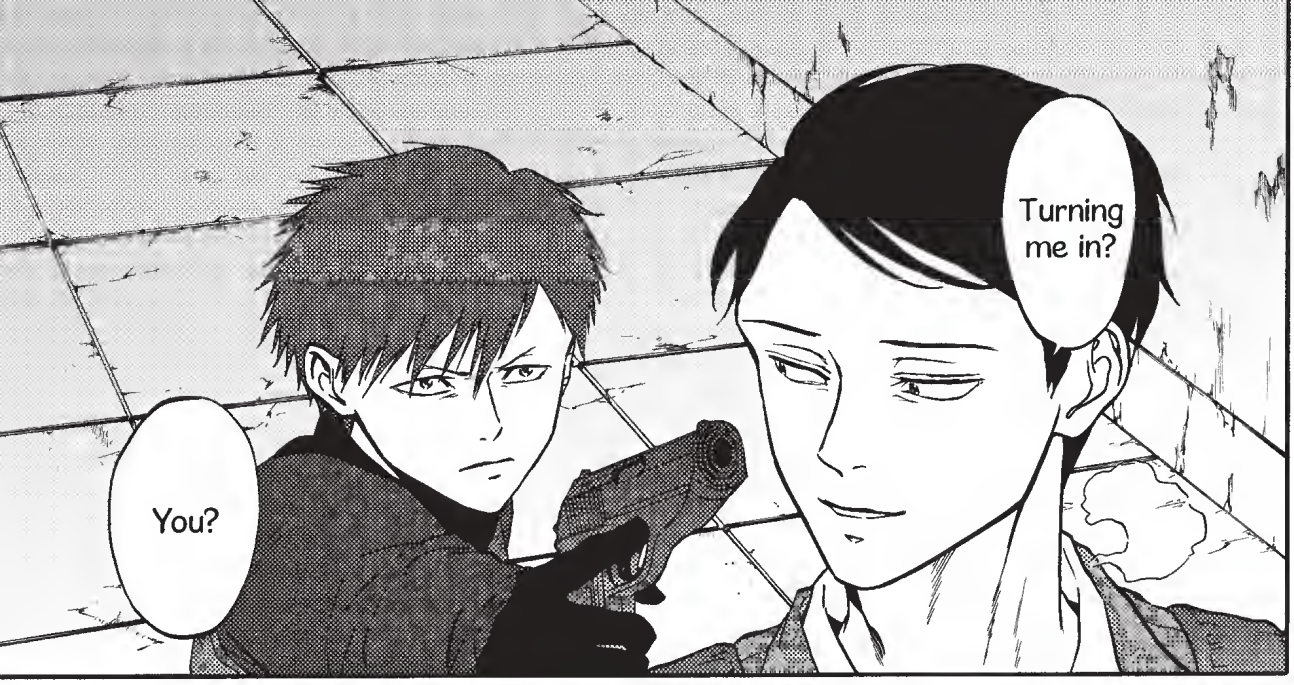

I'm an undercover agent.
I joined the CCC and Division 5 to find it.
He is. The list is here.
But Zero Nine is copying it right now...
6th Public Safety Investigation Division, Section 11.
My real position is with Public Safety General Affairs,
M P D
the one who left the list for us here today.
And there's one more undercover agent,
M P D

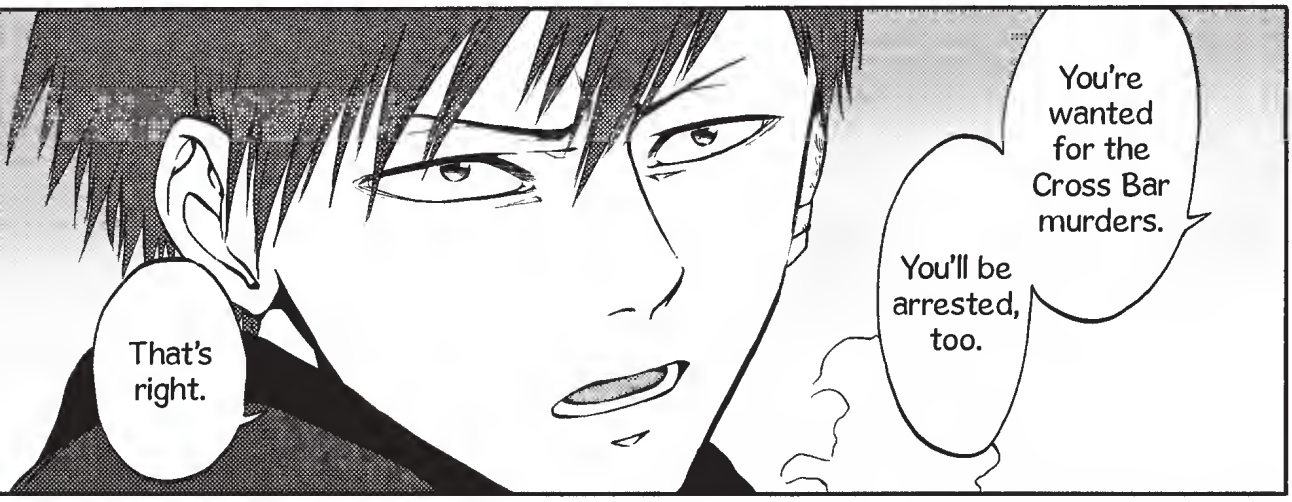

But I've heard nothing from him since he killed those people at Cross Bar.
he has infiltrated the CCC.
Just like me,


It's Makimura.


What are you doing...?
I am
turning you in to HQ.


Line 36
Ouroboros

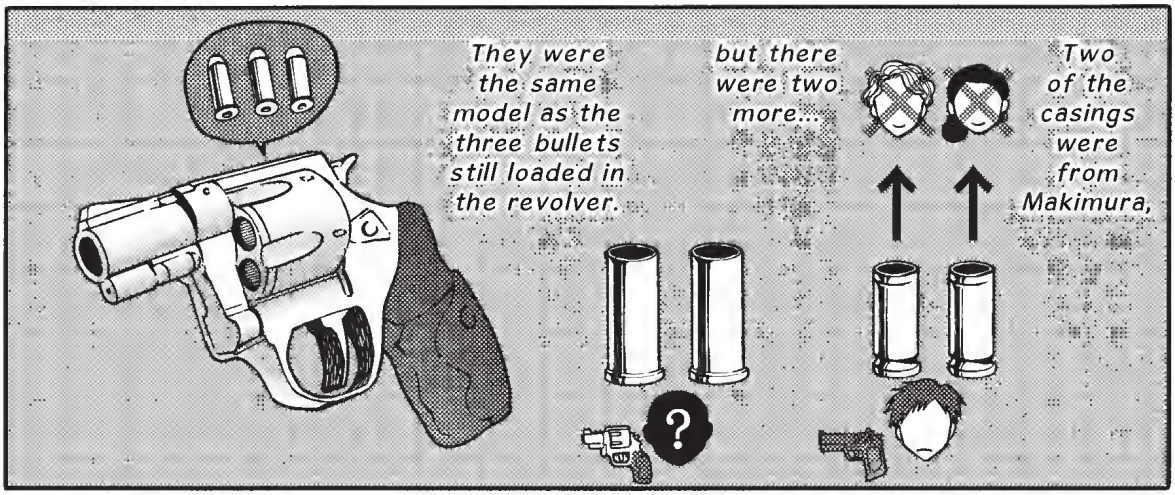

You?
Turning me in?


That's right.
You'll be arrested, too.
You're wanted for the Cross Bar murders.


I'm turning myself in, too.

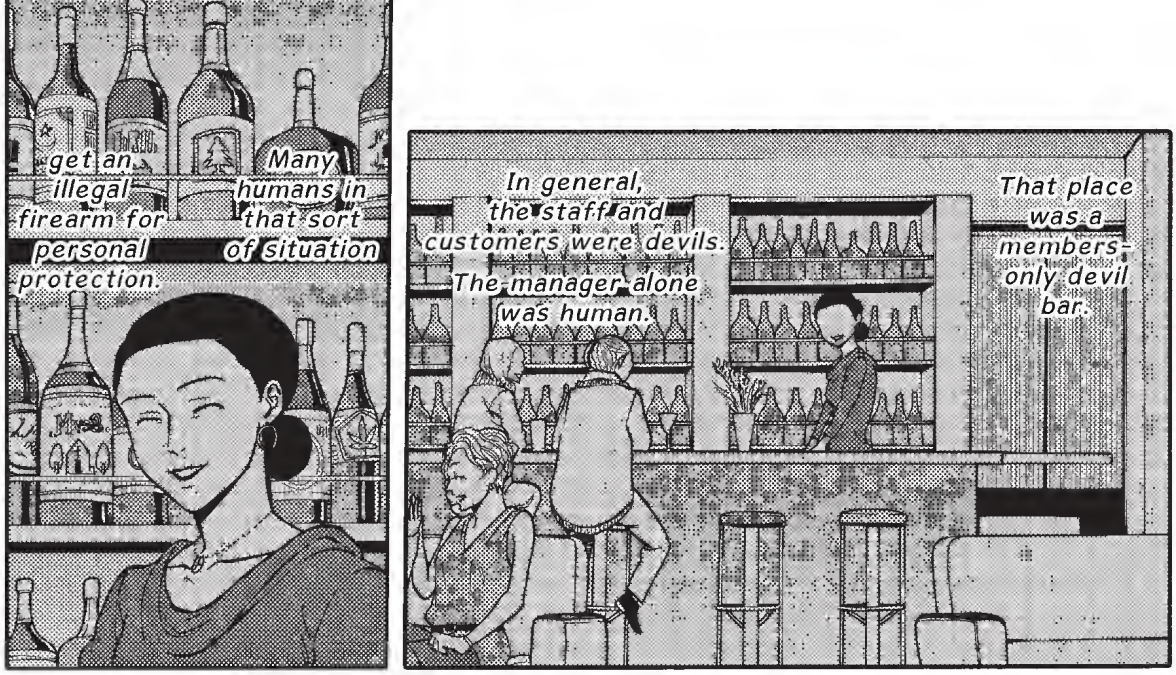

Apparently, there was a revolver and several shell casings in a corner of the bar.
What ?

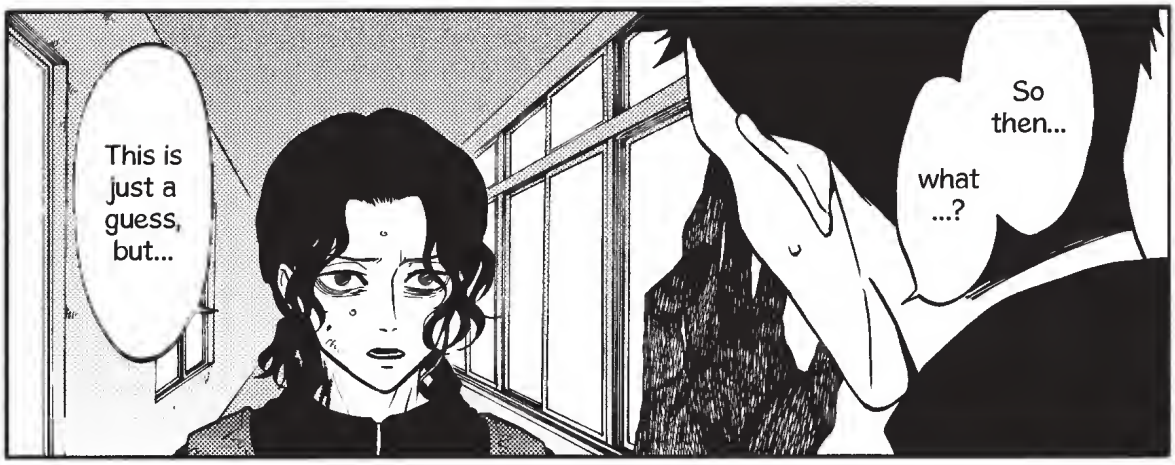

The inves-tigation after Cross Bar...
F Squad didn't do it, did they?
Yeah. That was in E Squad's juris-diction.


They were the same model as the three bullets still loaded in the revolver.
but there were two more...
Two of the casings were from Makimura,
?


There was gunshot residue on the manager's right hand.


Two of the bullets were found in the inside wall of the bar,
and they got the manager's prints from the revolver ...


get an illegal firearm for personal protection.
Many humans in that sort of situation
In general, the staff and customers were devils. The manager alone was human.
That place was a members-only devil bar.


This is just a guess, but...
So then... what ...?

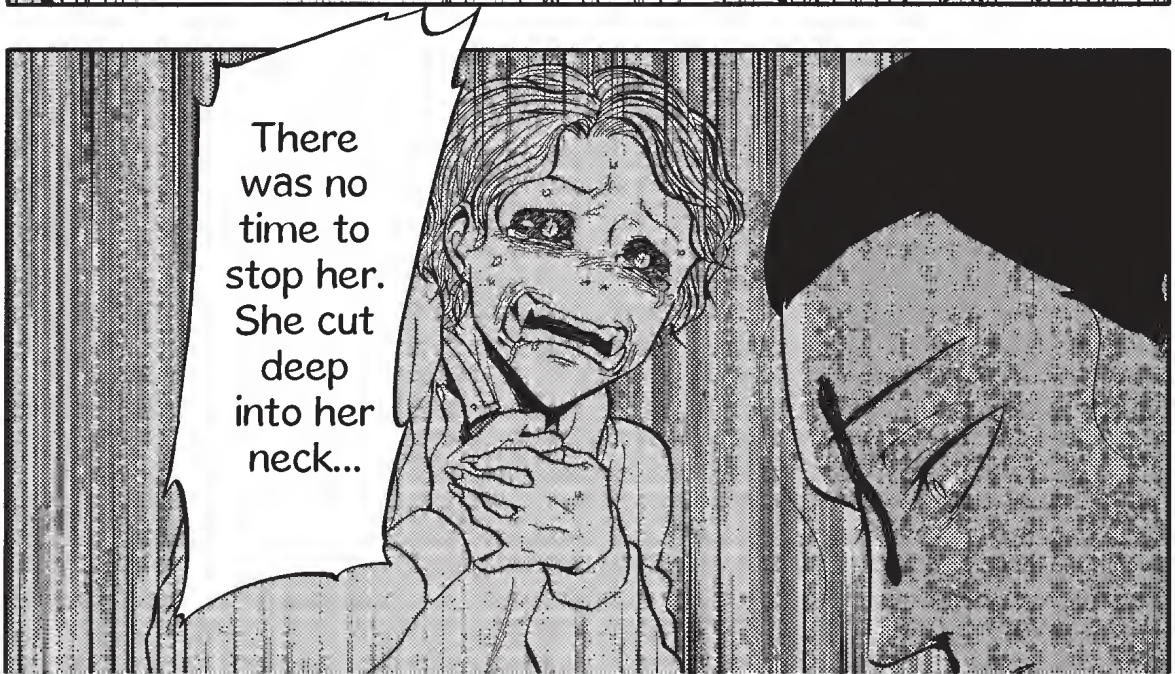

fired at Makimura first...
the manager


...It wasn't. It was senseless murder.
M P D
Although the murder of the manager was out of self-defense, I suppose.
Because I threat-ened her with a gun!!
She fired first, didn't she?
But the manager was suspicious. "Why should we go out there again?" she said. She refused to move.
I was trying to hide them somewhere other than the bar without the CCC noticing.
I was in a hurry.


So I pointed my gun at her. "Do it now," I said.
Then she suddenly took out a gun...
LOOM
What a laugh.


So then the devil staffer trans-formed
and you shot and killed a second person.
She slit her own carotid artery!!


As soon as she saw the manager's blood.

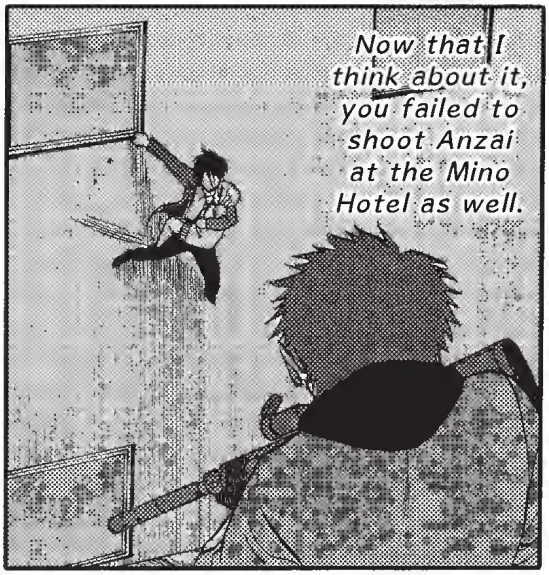

There was no time to stop her. She cut deep into her neck...

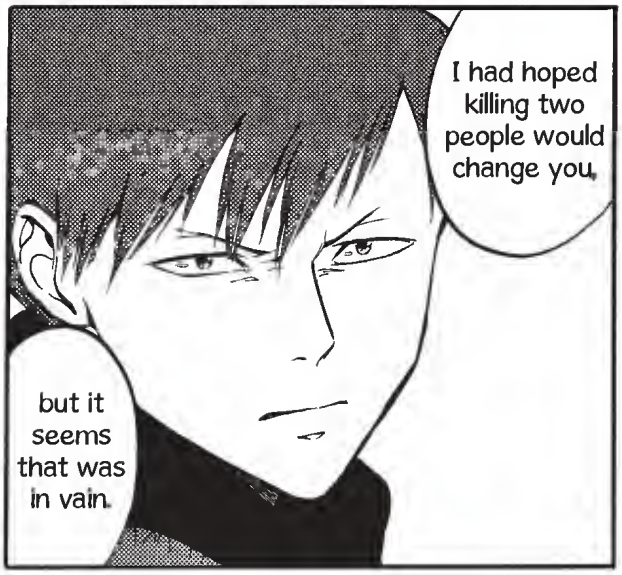

and she died a few seconds later.


So that's why you shot her in the head?
You took such pains *after she was dead...*


It was as if I killed her myself.

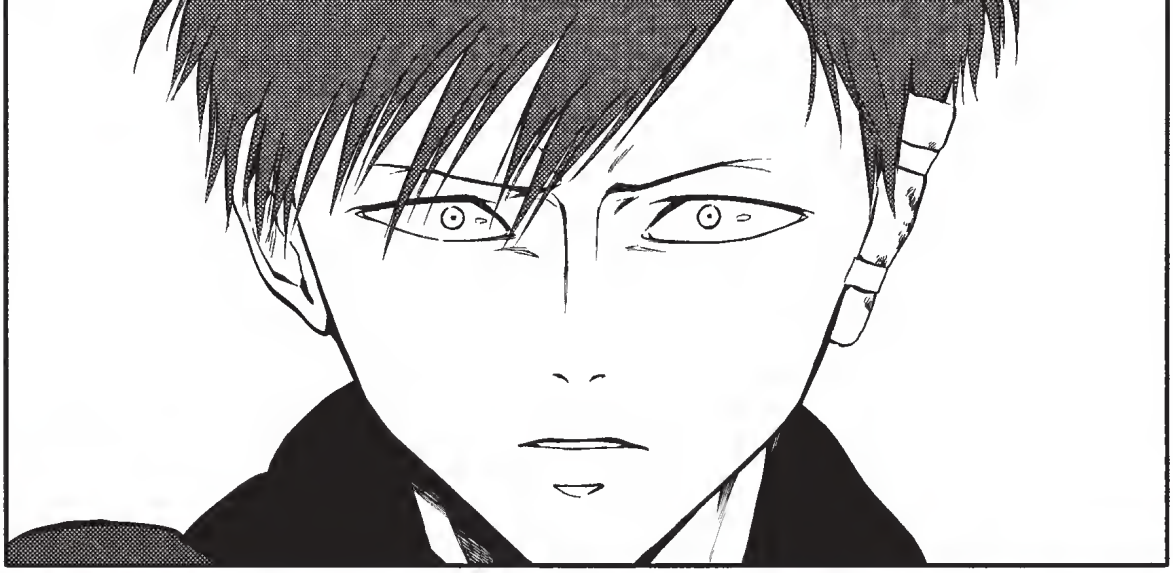

SHF
How conscientious.


Now that I think about it, you failed to shoot Anzai at the Mino Hotel as well.


I had hoped killing two people would change you,
but it seems that was in vain.


From:
I stranded 11. The boy's been disposed of
And you made Eleven *appear* to be dead.
She may be fair skinned, but that photo was unnatural.

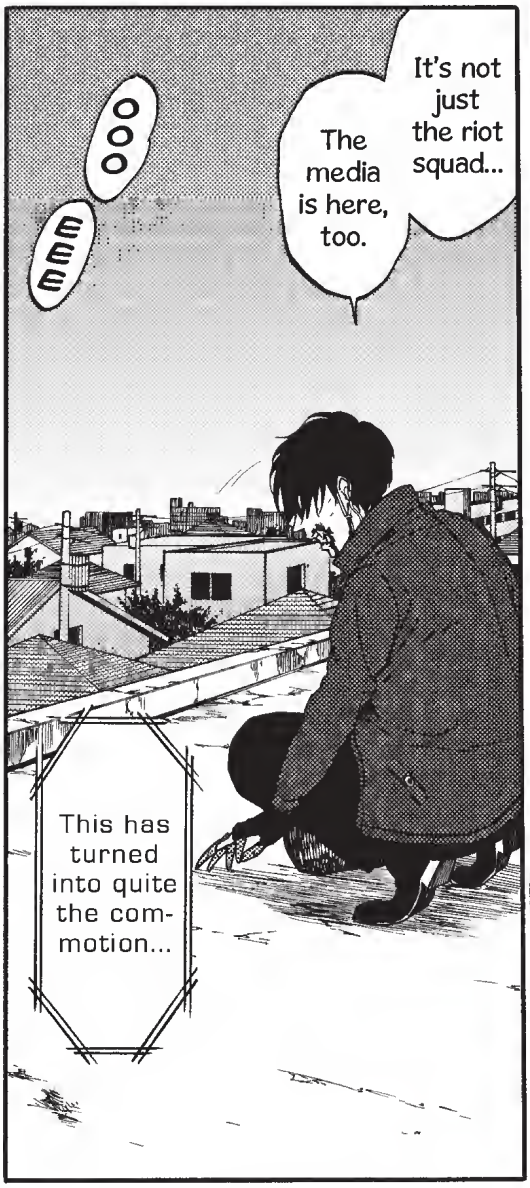

Come with me.
I'm taking you in.

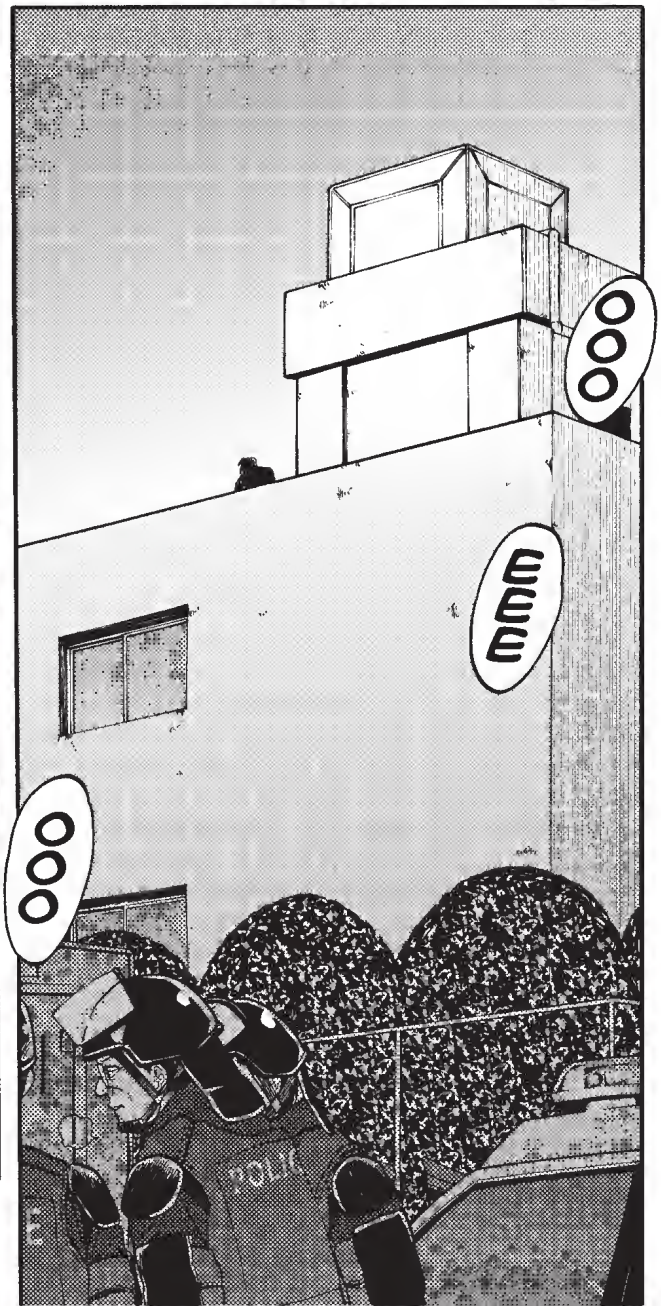




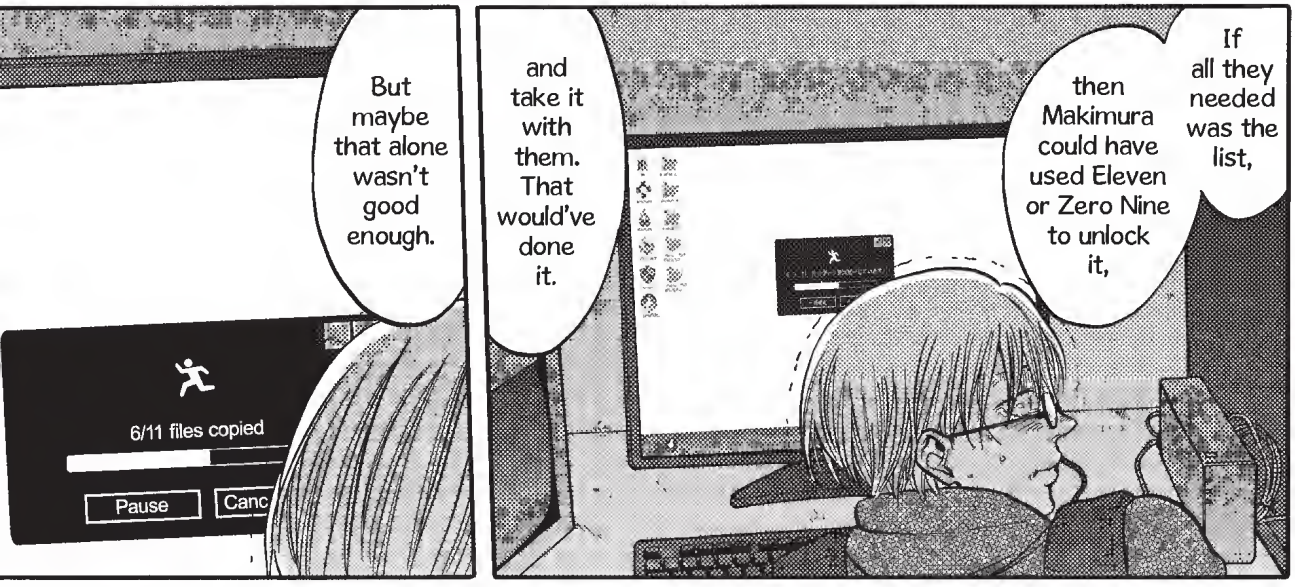

BAA
BANG
M P D
SHT


WHUMP
Such a laugh.


It's not just the riot squad...
The media is here, too.
This has turned into quite the commotion...


POLICE


I feel like they wanted to snare something else with this trap.
...Ishi-maru.


But maybe that alone wasn't good enough.
6/11 files copied
Pause
Canc
and take it with them. That would've done it.
then Makimura could have used Eleven or Zero Nine to unlock it,
If all they needed was the list,


It only lists members that have some sort of *monetary connection*...
In other words, the flow of money.
The list has accounting informa-tion.

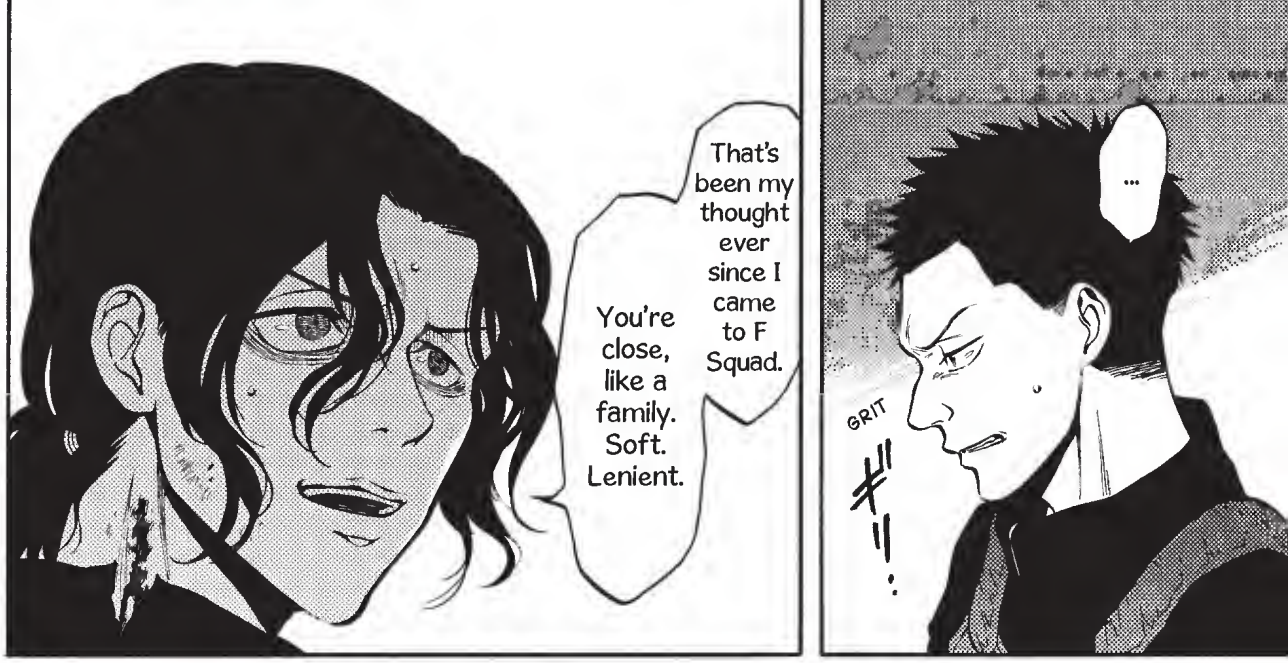

We can't get everything with just the list.
Are there other people involved ...?
Can this building itself be used as proof?
Or was their goal not evidence ...
So then ...
if we seize the entire base,
we'll find some serious evidence?
I'm not so sure.
You and Makimura infiltrated them, didn't you?!
Why don't you under-stand him?!
How am I supposed to understand him?!


How can you count on a pawn who isn't under your control?!
Section 11 took Makimura off the case.
The moment he killed someone and tossed his police ID,


I'm not counting on F Squad's investi-gative abilities.

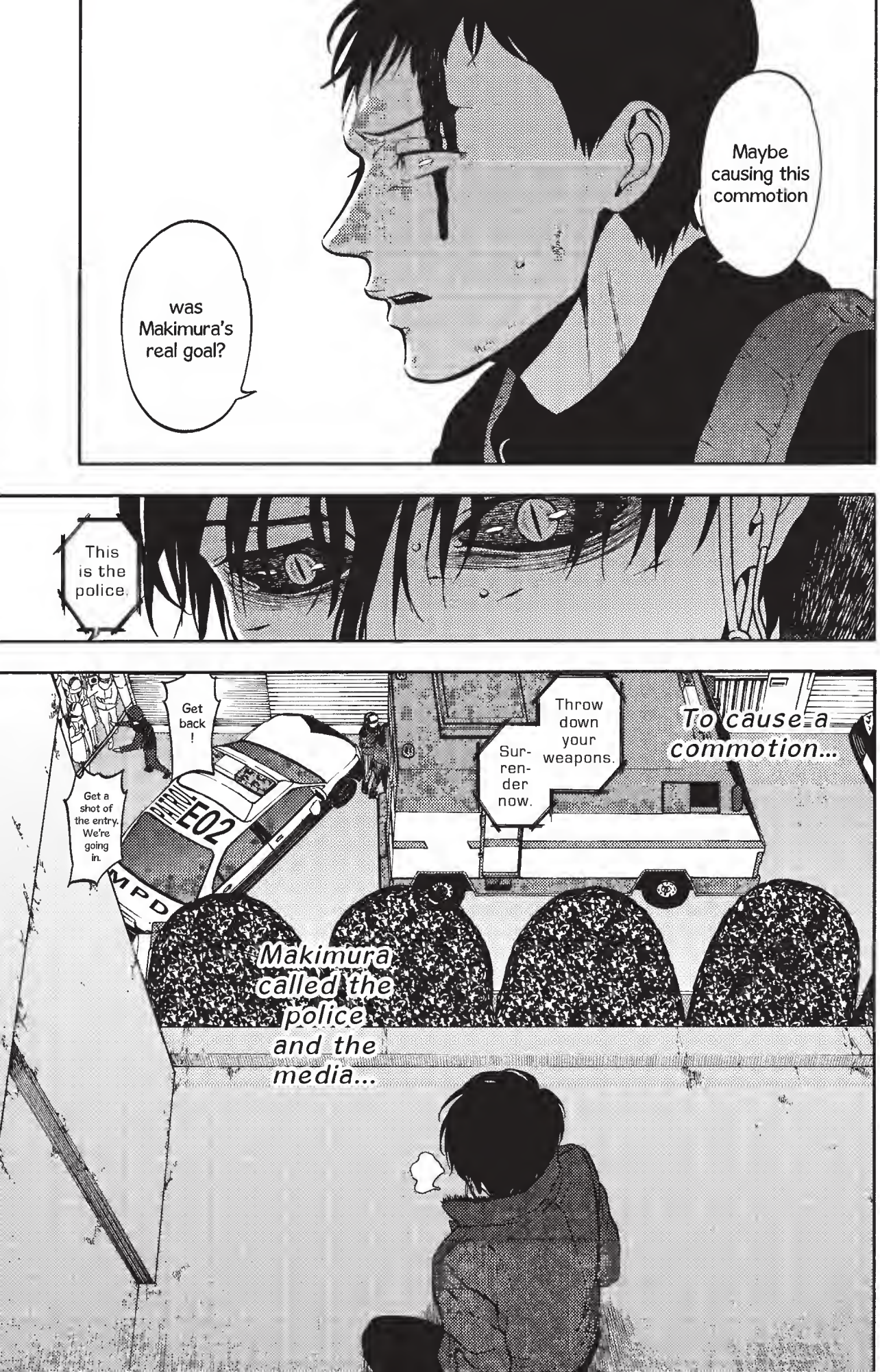

you could have told us earlier that you'd infiltrated—
Told you?
...
Then at least ...

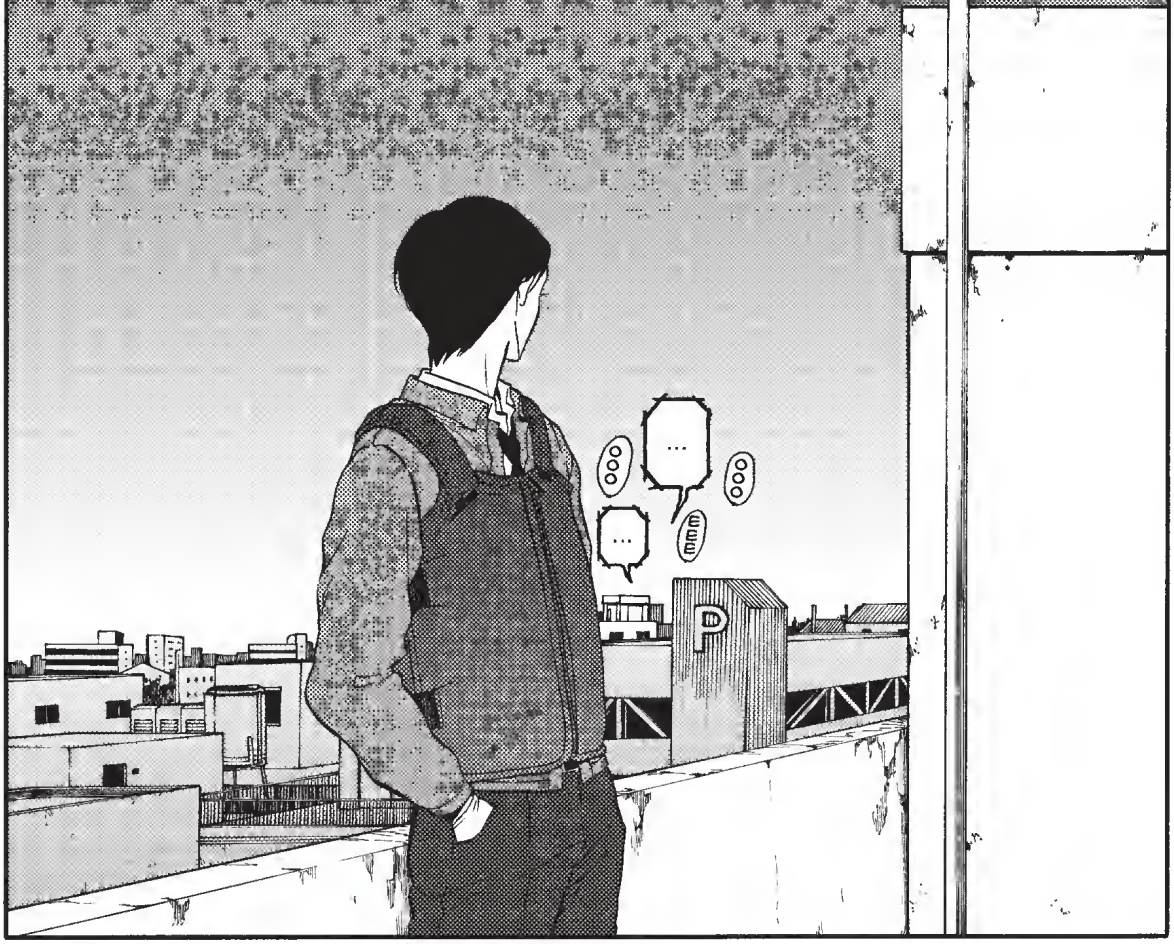

You didn't notice my falsified work history until recently.
Would anything be different if I had told you sooner?

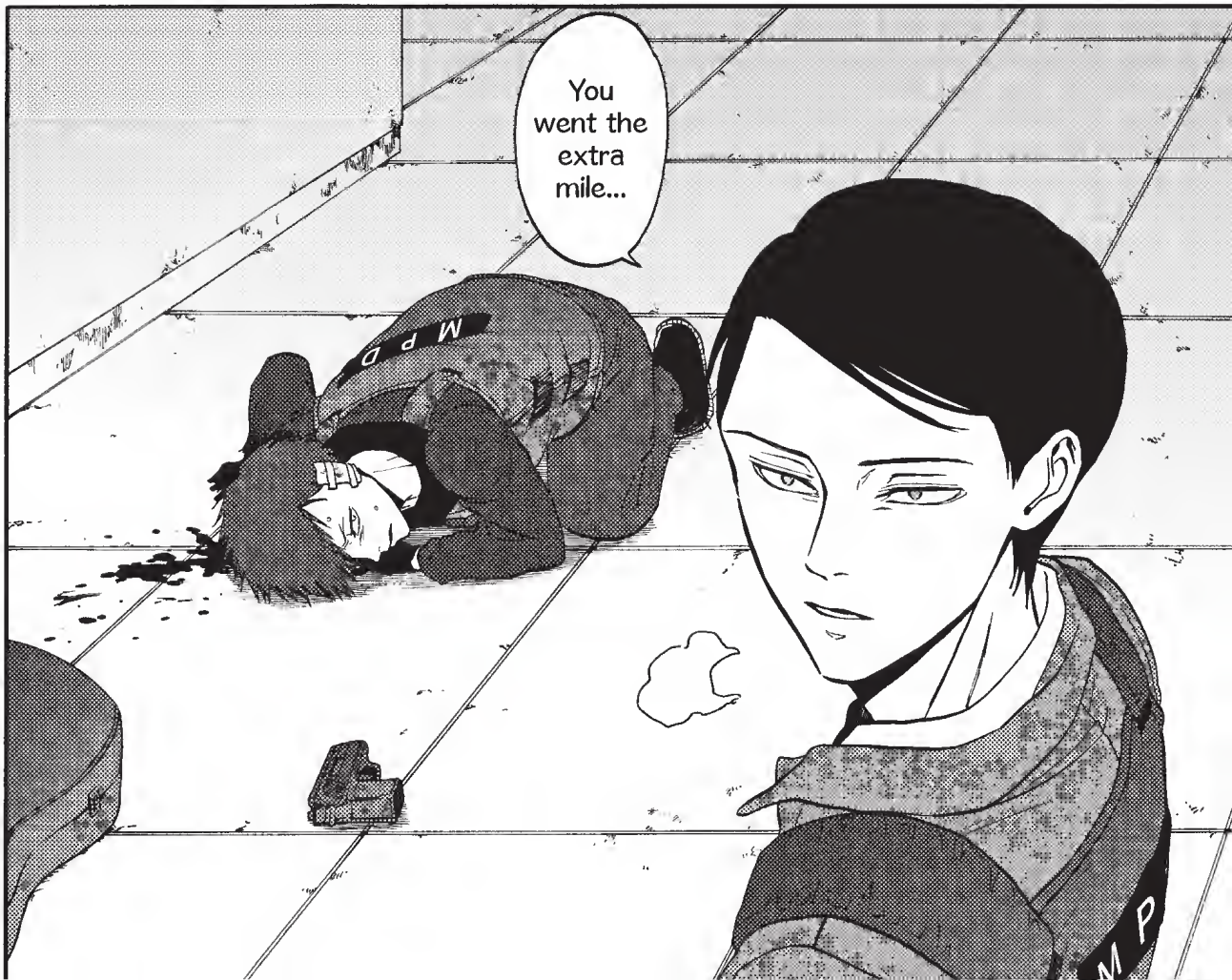

That's been my thought ever since I came to F Squad.
You're close, like a family. Soft. Lenient.
...
GRIT


...
Amicable.
Just being with them, I...


Regarding your assumption that we can't rely on him...
Squad Leader Ishimaru.

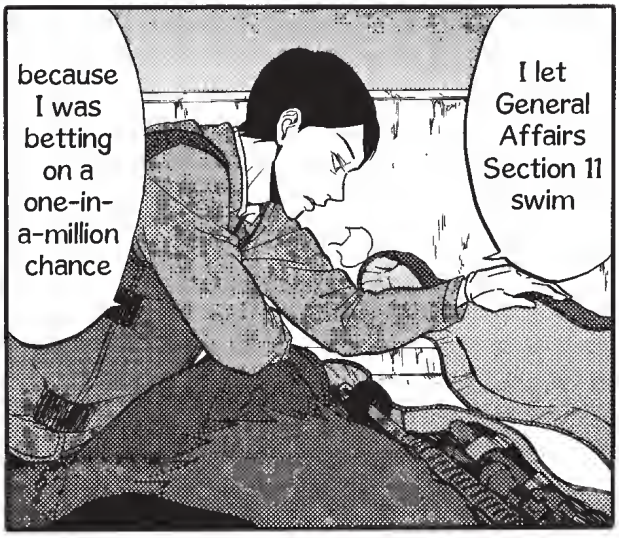

was Makimura's real goal?
Maybe causing this commotion
This is the police.
Get back!
Get a shot of the entry. We're going in.
PATROL E02
MPD
Surrender now.
Throw down your weapons.
To cause a commotion...
Makimura called the police and the media...

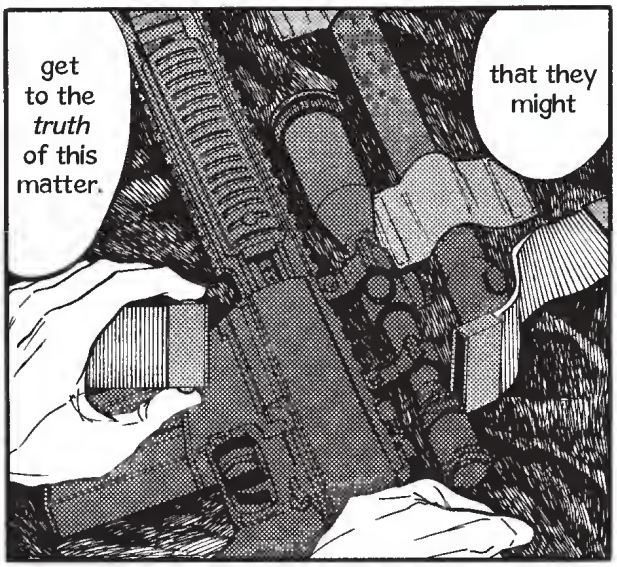

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...
eee
P


You went the extra mile...
M P D
M P


Even if you create a commo-tion,
even if the CCC makes an impression on people in positions of power,
it won't solve the funda-mental problem.


It seems I over-estimated them.
GASHAK


I let General Affairs Section 11 swim
because I was betting on a one-in-a-million chance


that they might
get to the *truth* of this matter.


There is *some-thing* backing the CCC ...


At first, I thought ...
Zero One was pulling the strings...


But that's wrong, some-how ...
It's something bigger. For instance ...

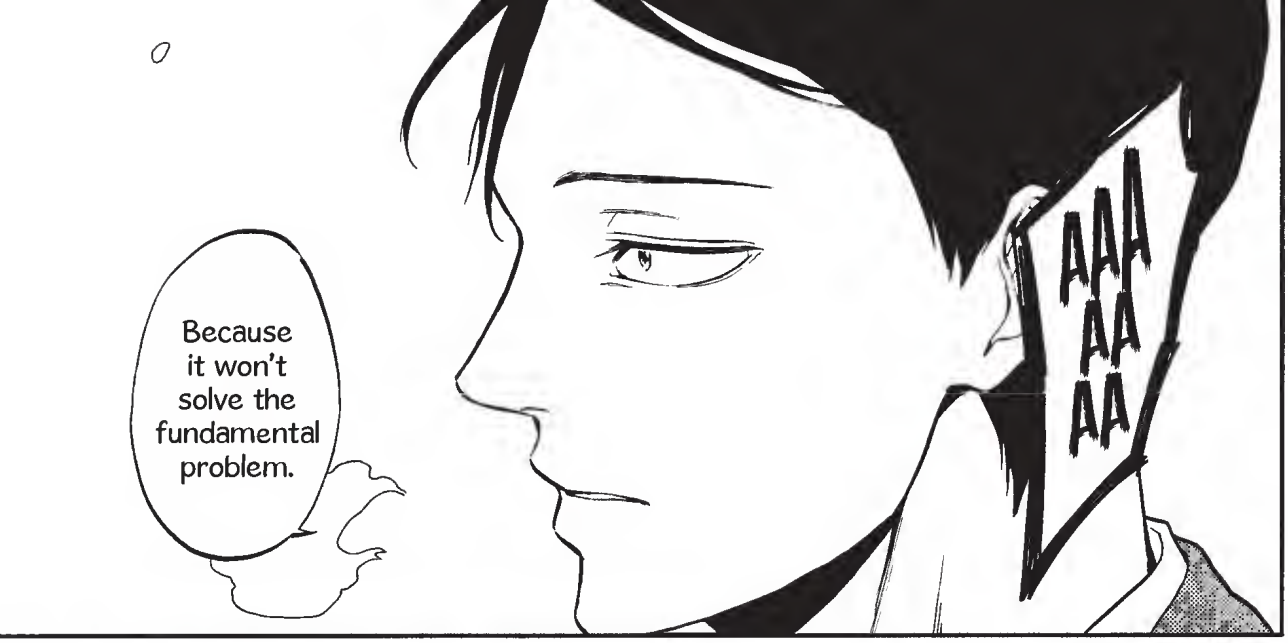

At best, a self-righteous ...
P
politician or bureau-crat. An *individual* ...

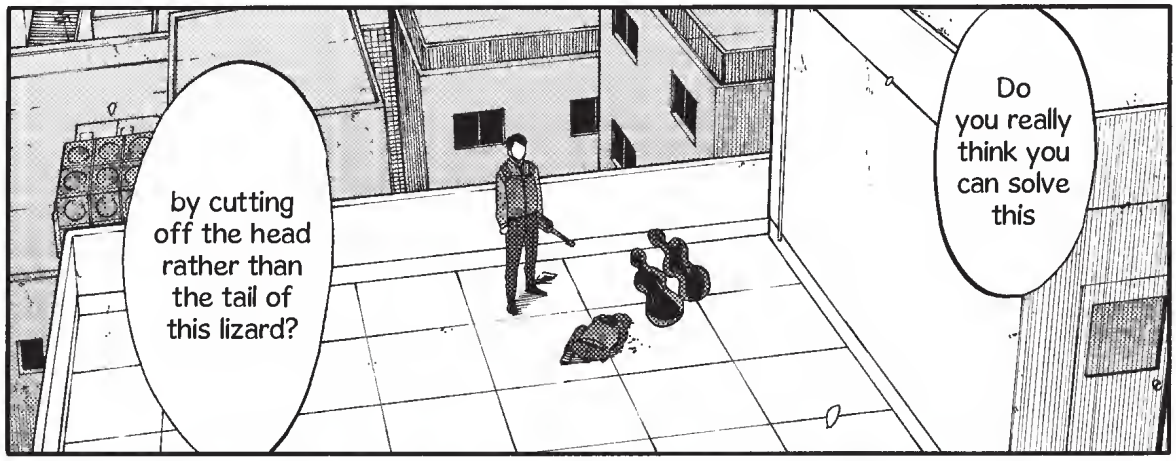


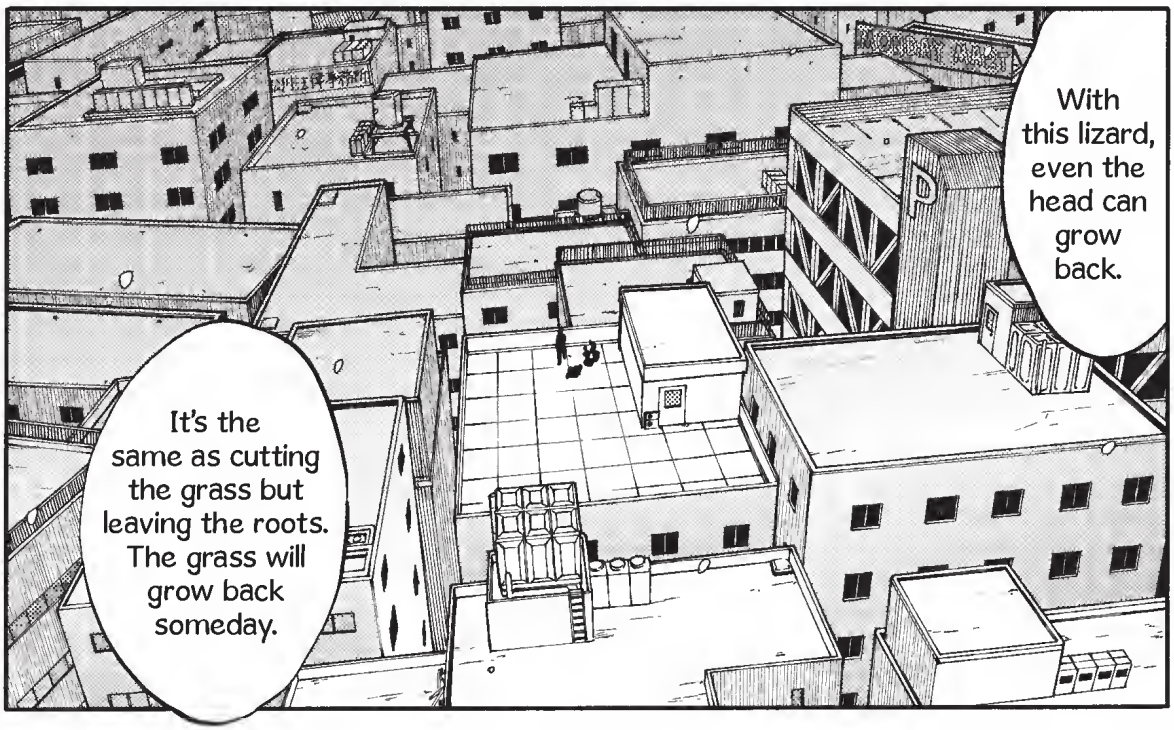
※ R2PC: Redeye Rights Protection Committee

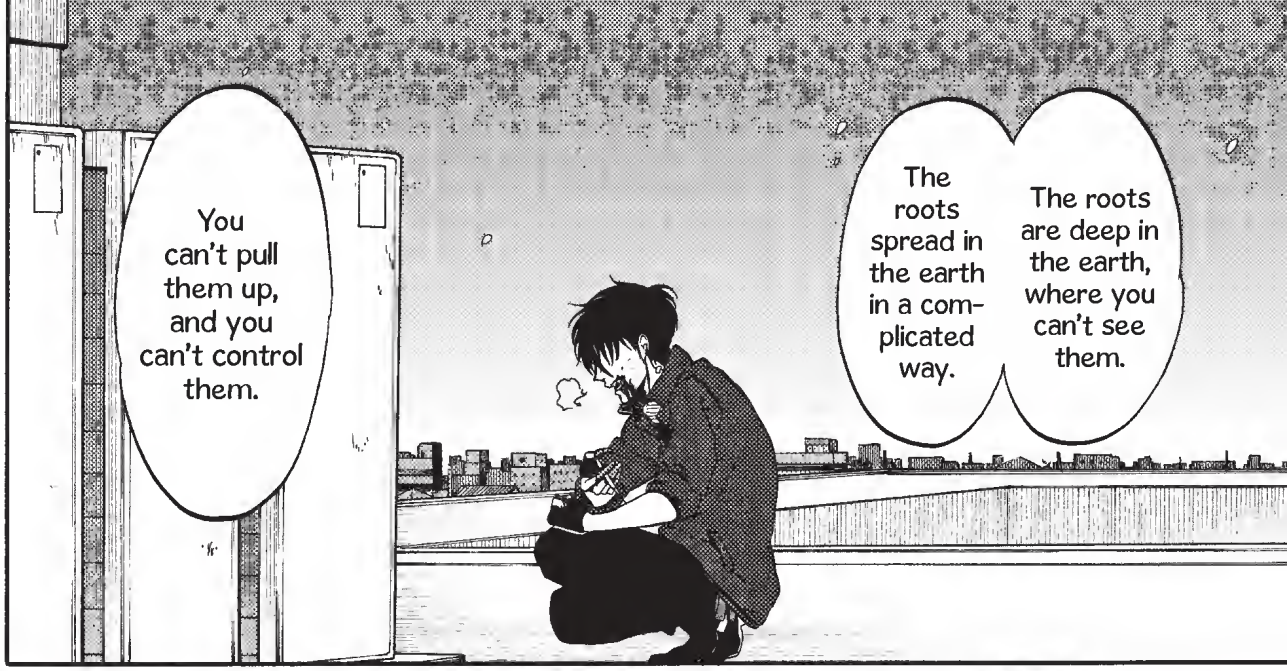


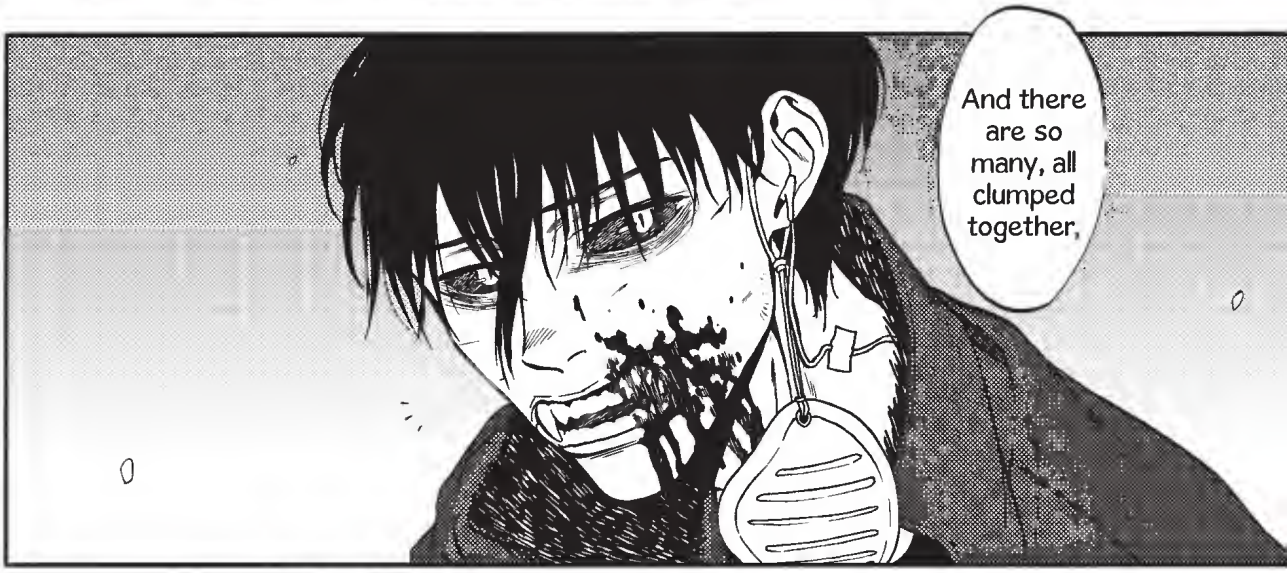

Why won't you testify ?!
If you know the truth, why—
SLAM


Because it won't solve the fundamental problem.
AAA AA AA


Do you really think you can solve this
by cutting off the head rather than the tail of this lizard?


With this lizard, even the head can grow back.
It's the same as cutting the grass but leaving the roots. The grass will grow back someday.


You can't pull them up, and you can't control them.
The roots spread in the earth in a complicated way.
The roots are deep in the earth, where you can't see them.

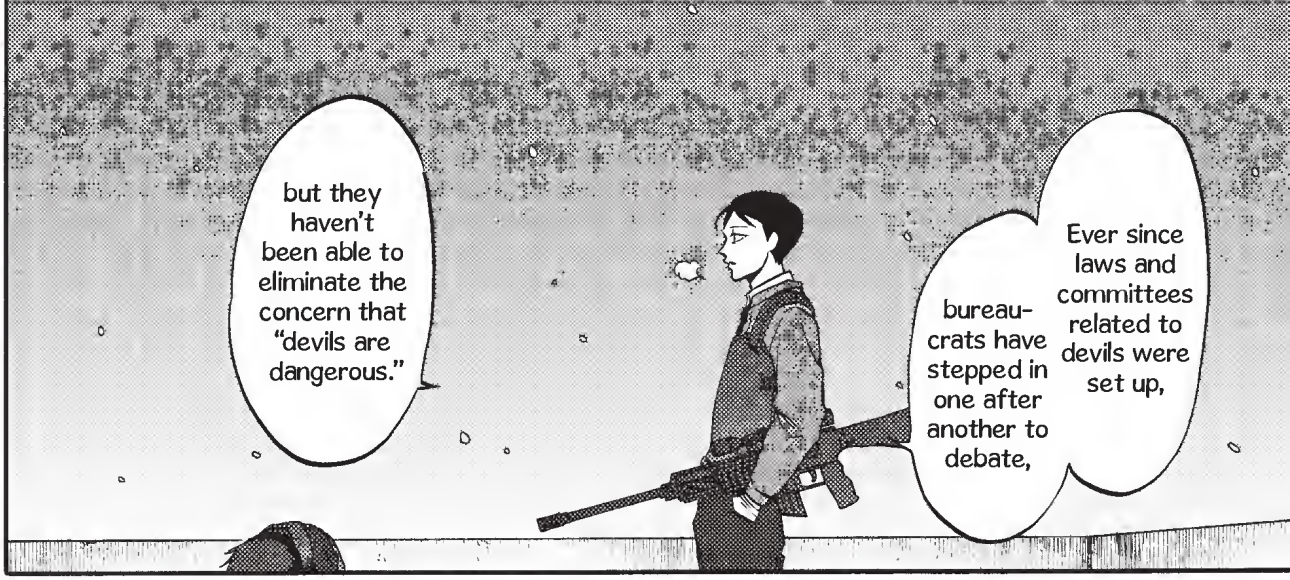

And there are so many, all clumped together,

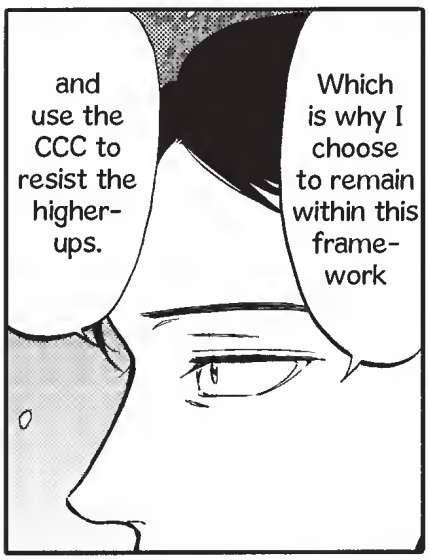

forming a giant grassy field.

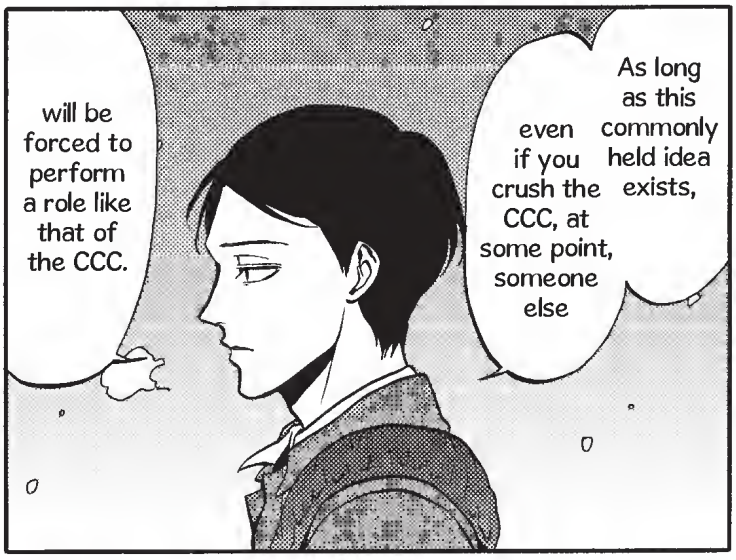


The root of a society, a vast common consciousness shared by people, impossible to control.




Ever since laws and committees related to devils were set up,
bureau-crats have stepped in one after another to debate,
but they haven't been able to eliminate the concern that "devils are dangerous."

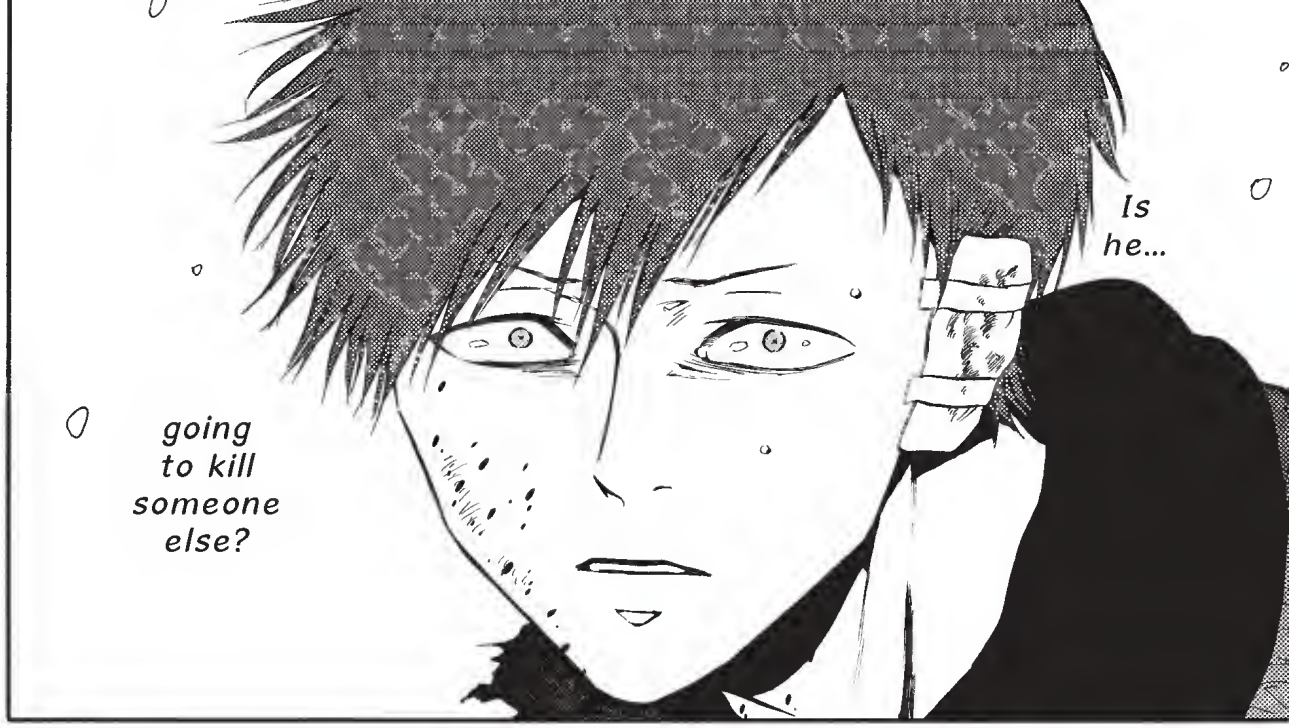

Which is why I choose to remain within this frame-work
and use the CCC to resist the higher-ups.

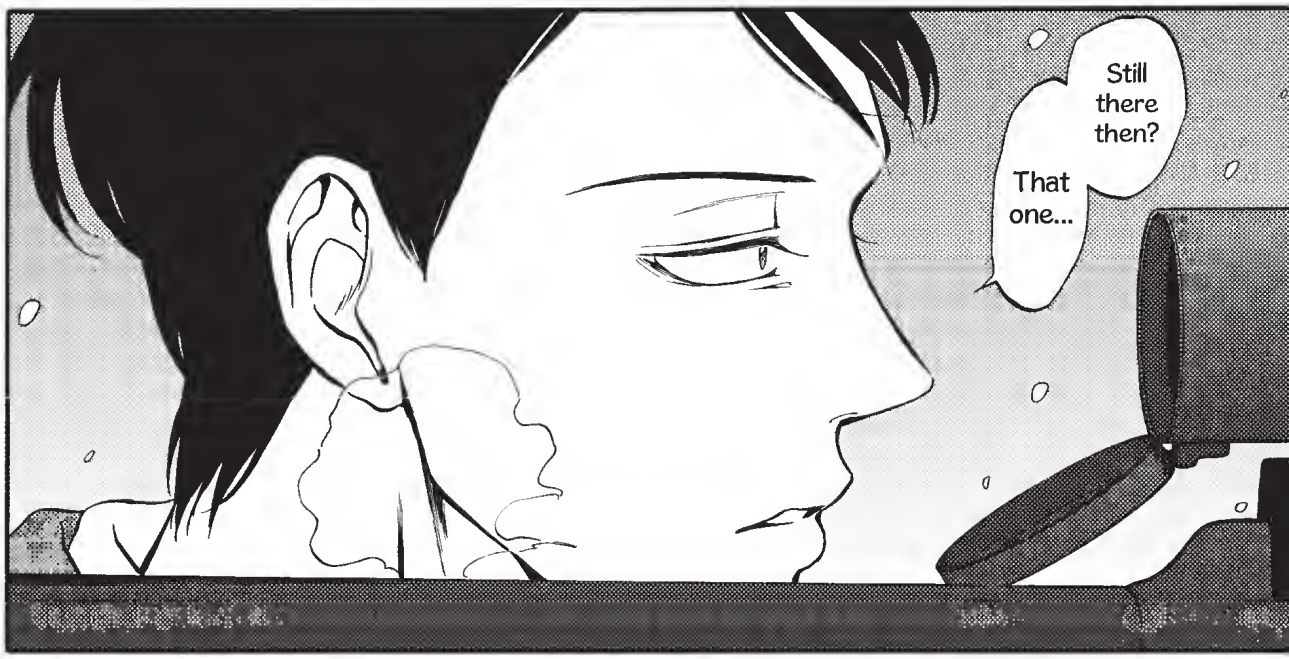

As long as this commonly held idea exists,
even if you crush the CCC, at some point, someone else
will be forced to perform a role like that of the CCC.

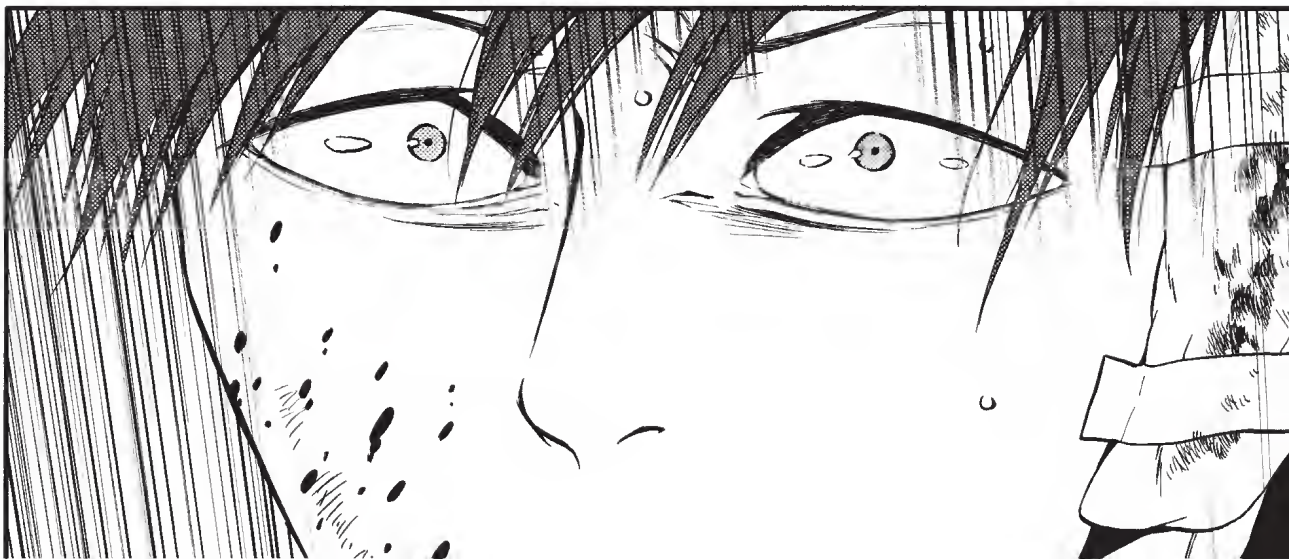

You can't...
build anything by killing people...


This little chat's gone on long enough...
It's almost over.
We'll draw the curtain closed here for the moment.

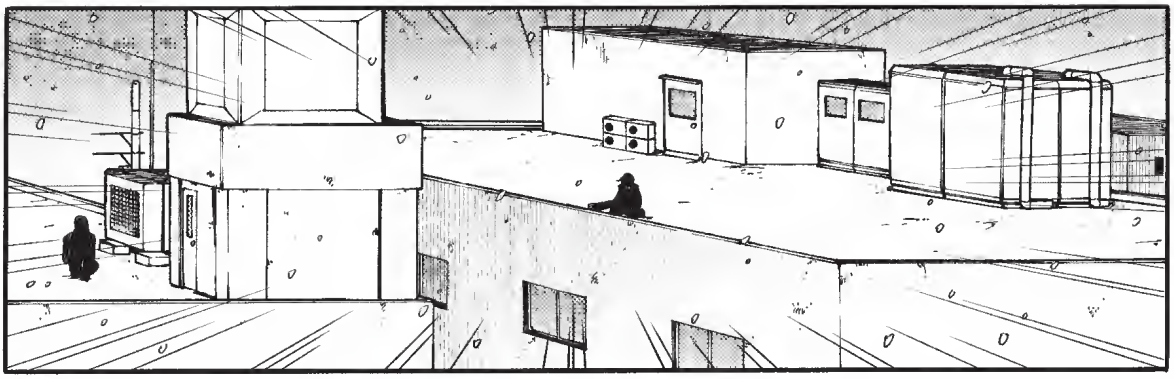


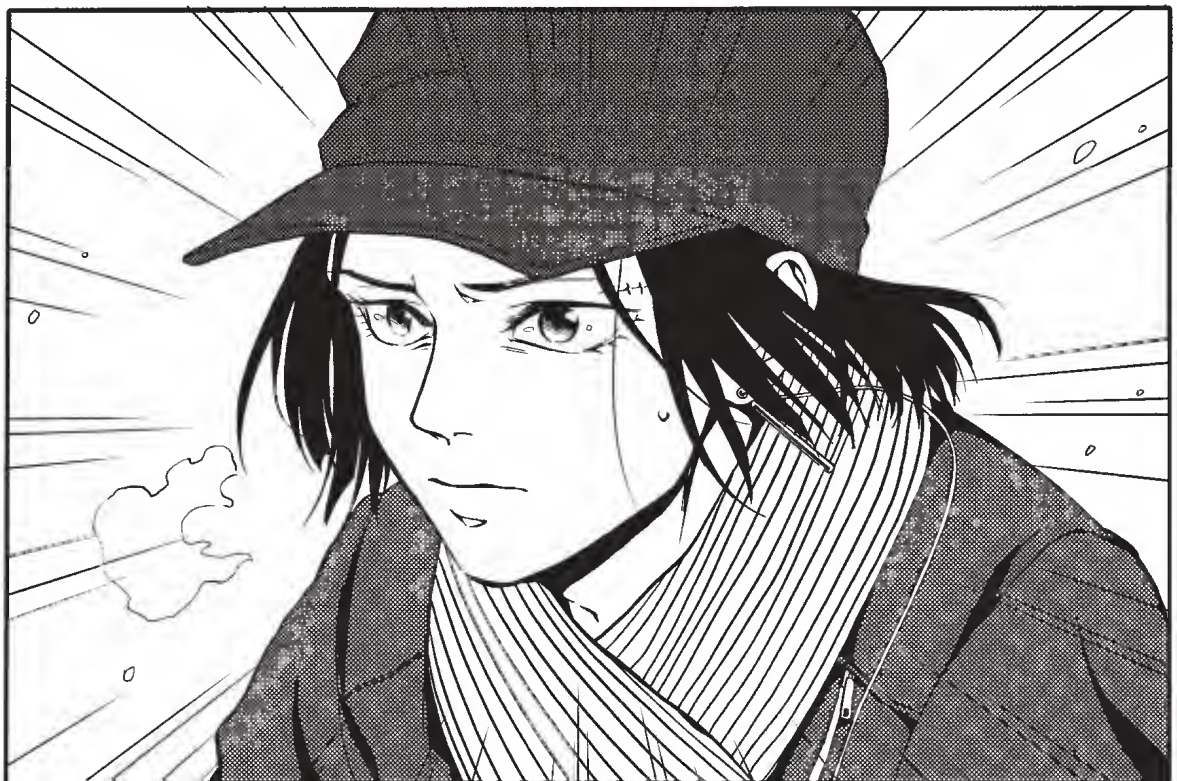

Is he...
going to kill someone else?


Still there then?
That one...




Zero
Seven—?!
M P D

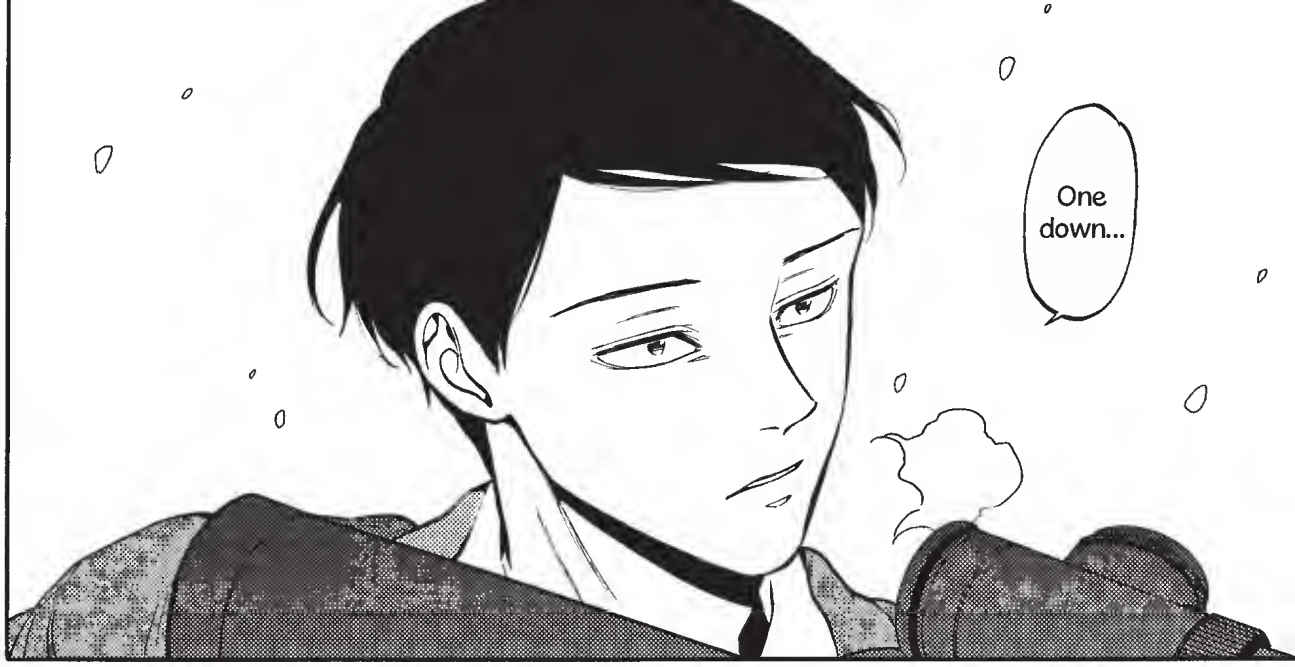


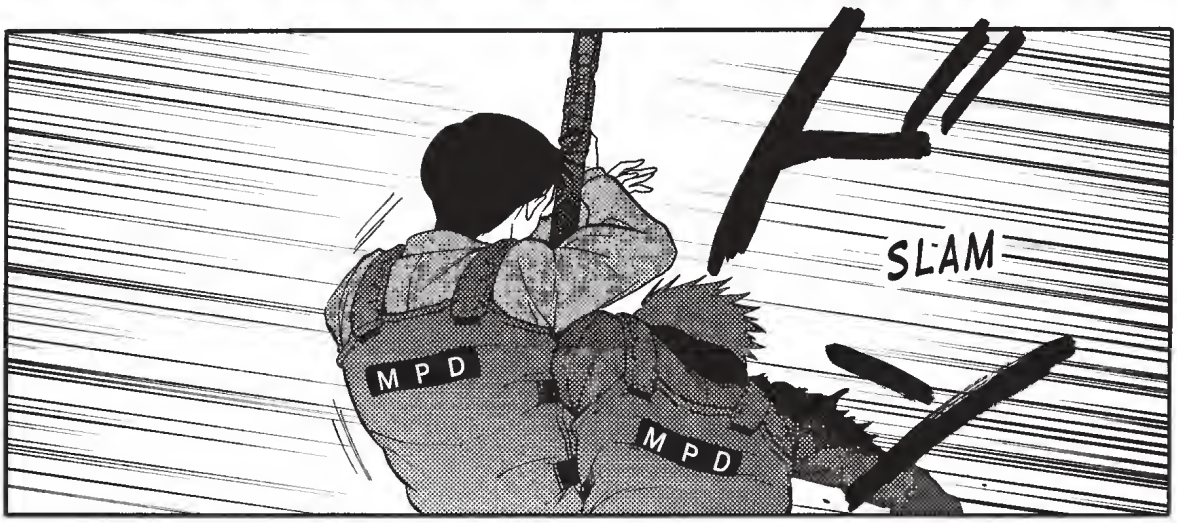



BSSSHT


Huh?
SPRRT
Anzai's been shot!!


On the roof!!
A sniper hit Anzai!!


One down...

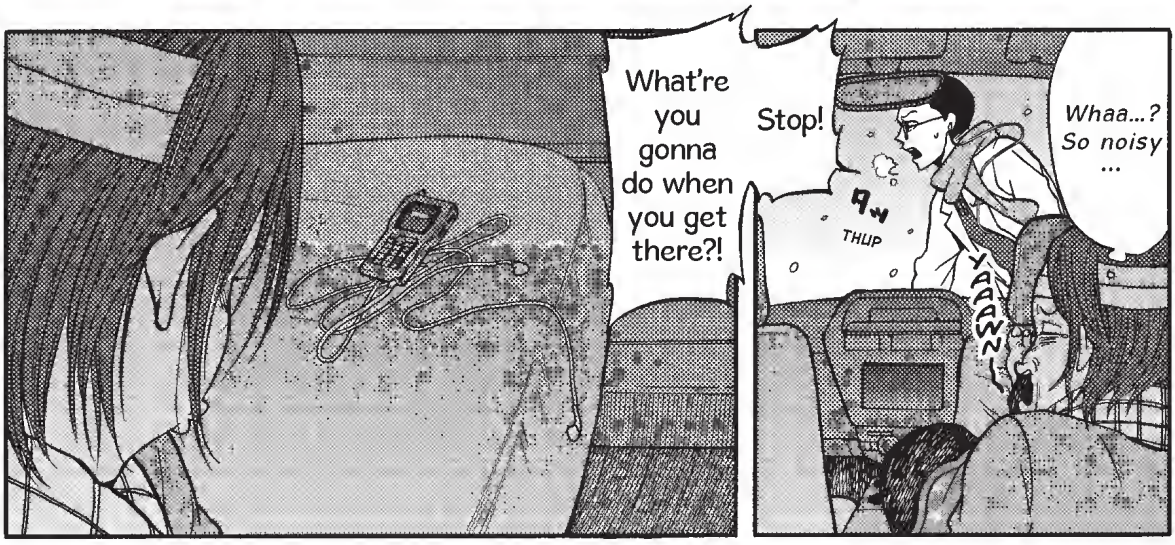

SLAM
M P D
M P D

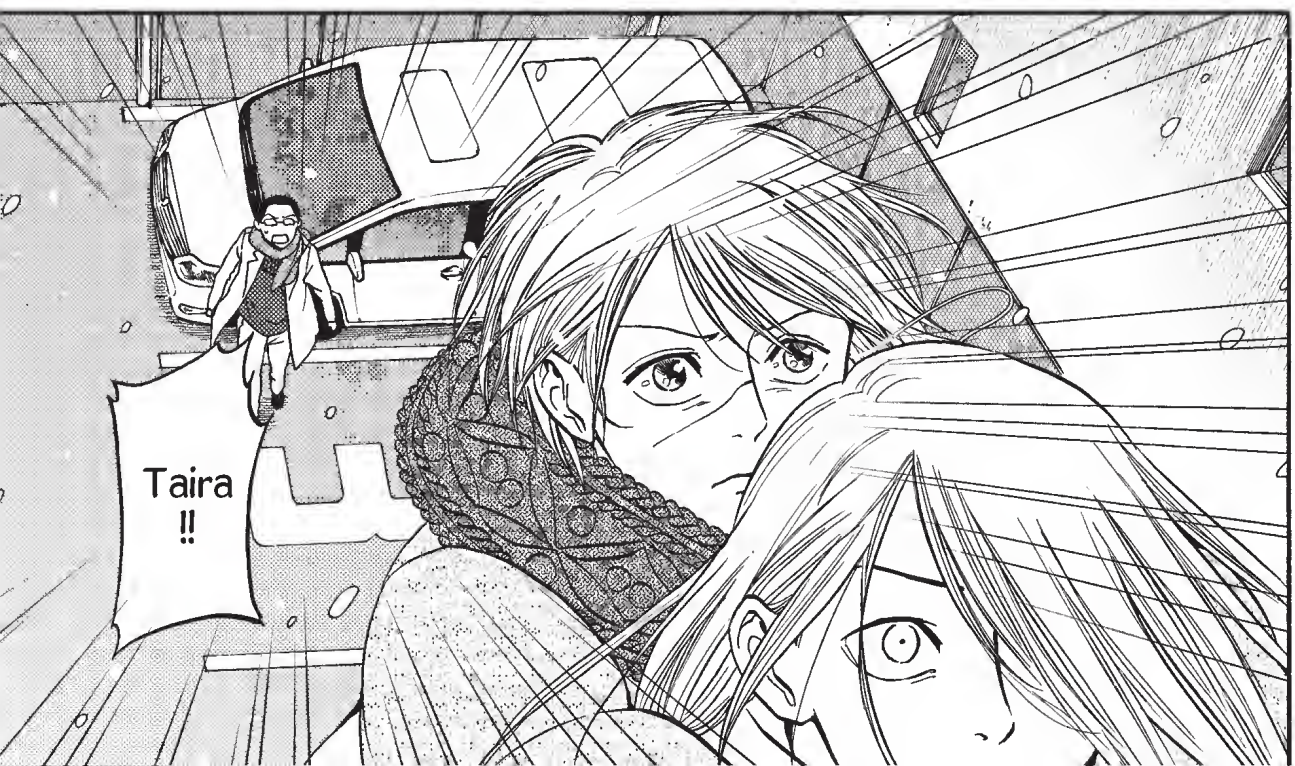

!


HAA
HOO
HAA
Anzai, can you hear me?!
KZZK KZZK
Anzai ?!


KACHAK
ガチャ
Stop —
Taira?!
Lee, get out.
Take me
to Anzai.


...
BTAM
MNUH
Can you get right over there, Lee?
SLAM
I can be there in 30 seconds.

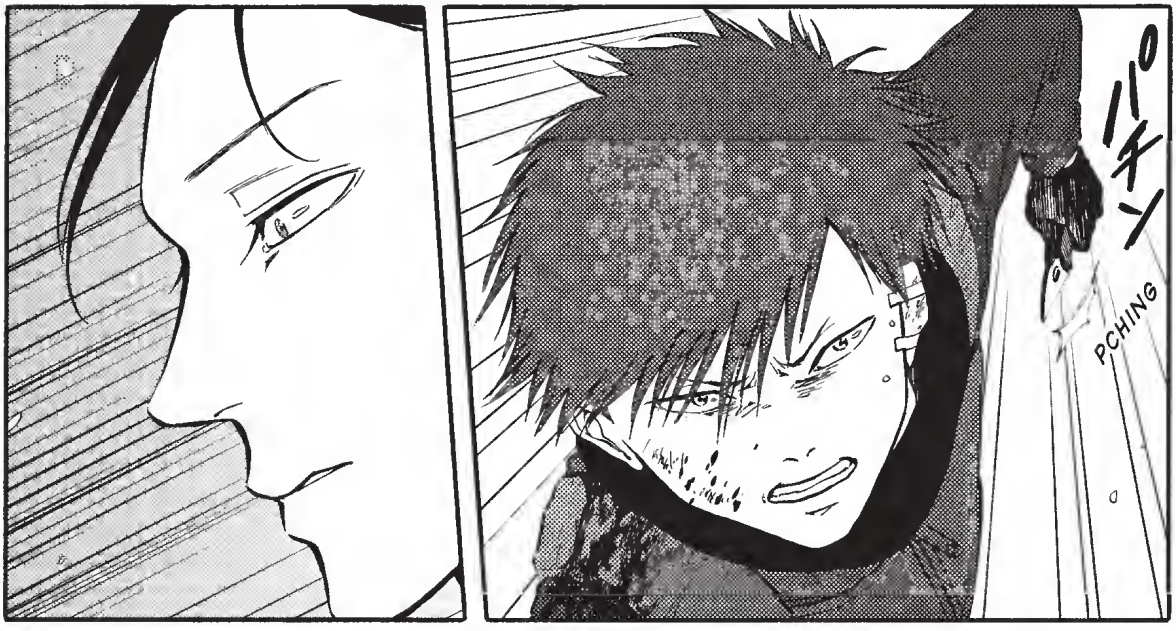

What're you gonna do when you get there?!
Stop!
THUP
YAAAN
Whaa...? So noisy ...

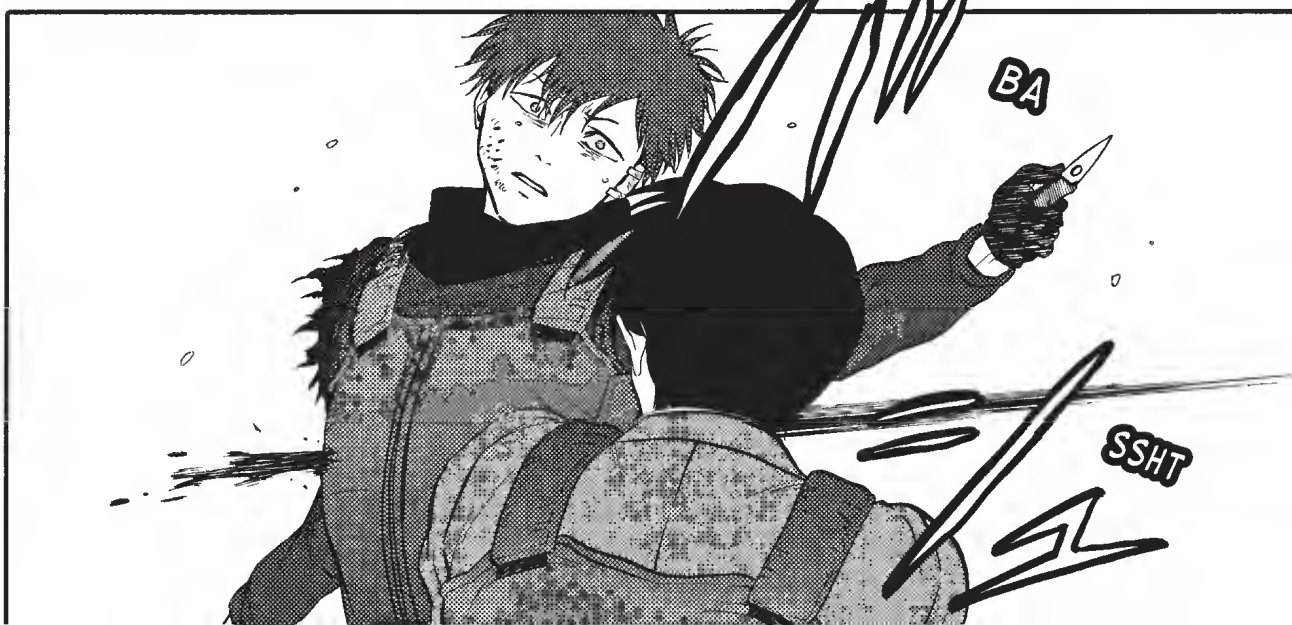

Taira !!


Line 36
Second End


Who was it?!
Tch!
ZHFF
Who shot him—

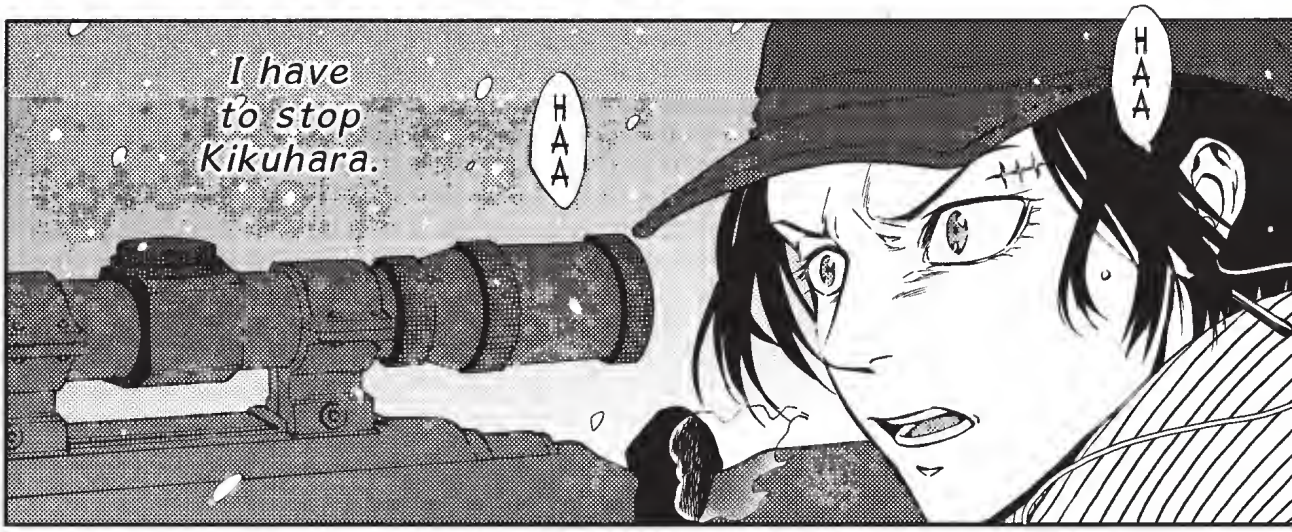

WHAP
!!
M P D


パチン
PCHING

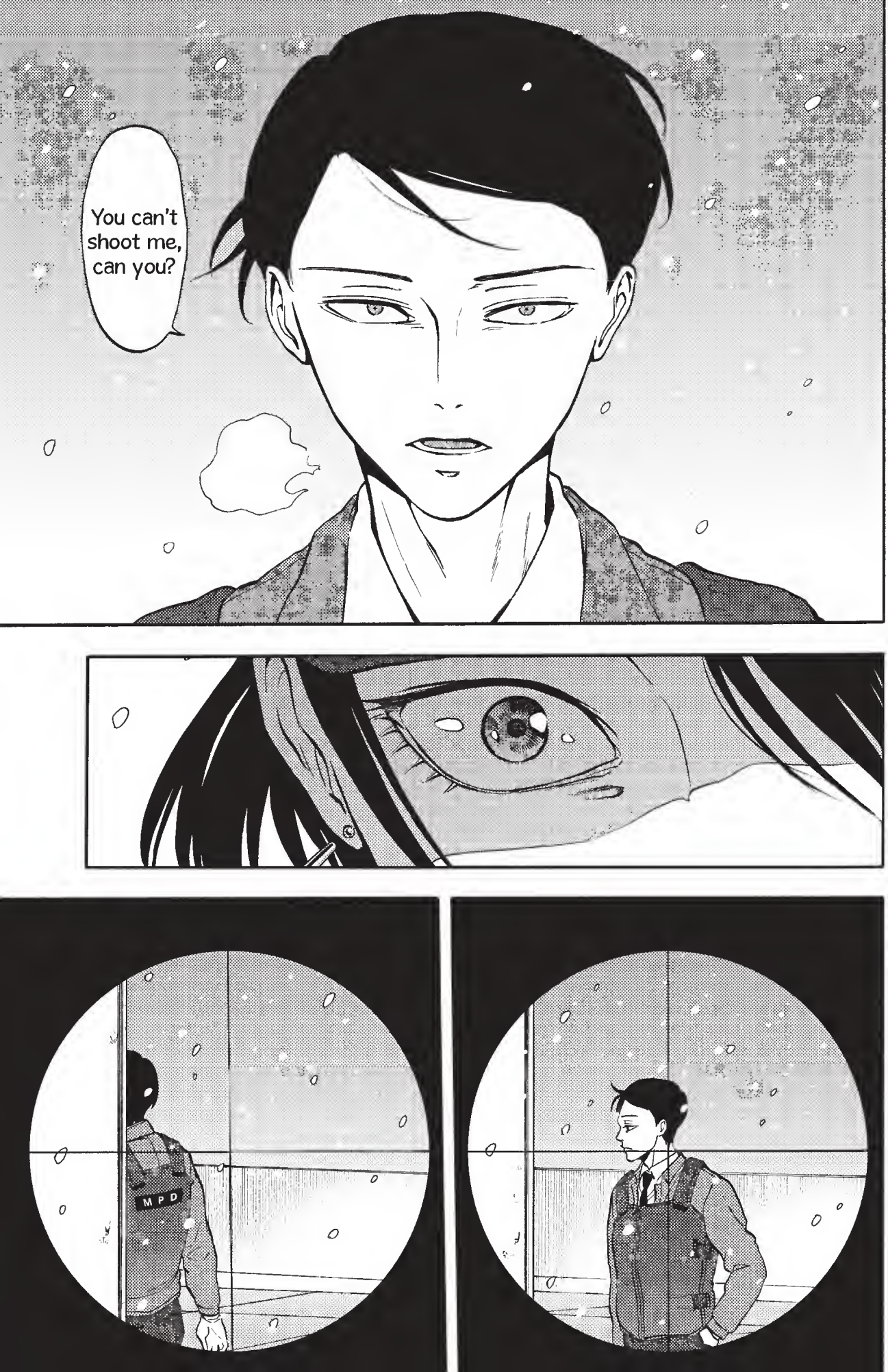

BA
SSHT


WHOO
MPD

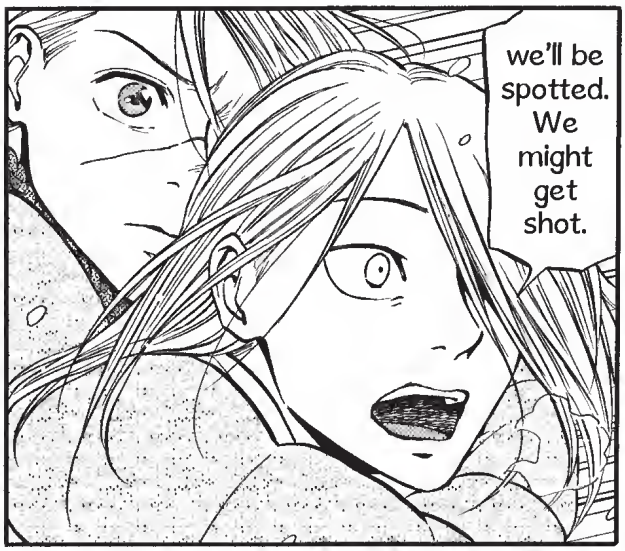

HAA
HAA

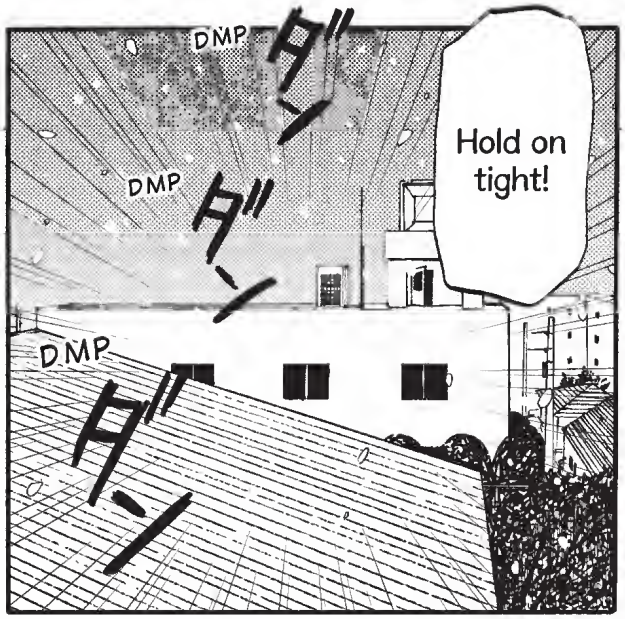

I have to stop Kikuhara.
HAA
HAA

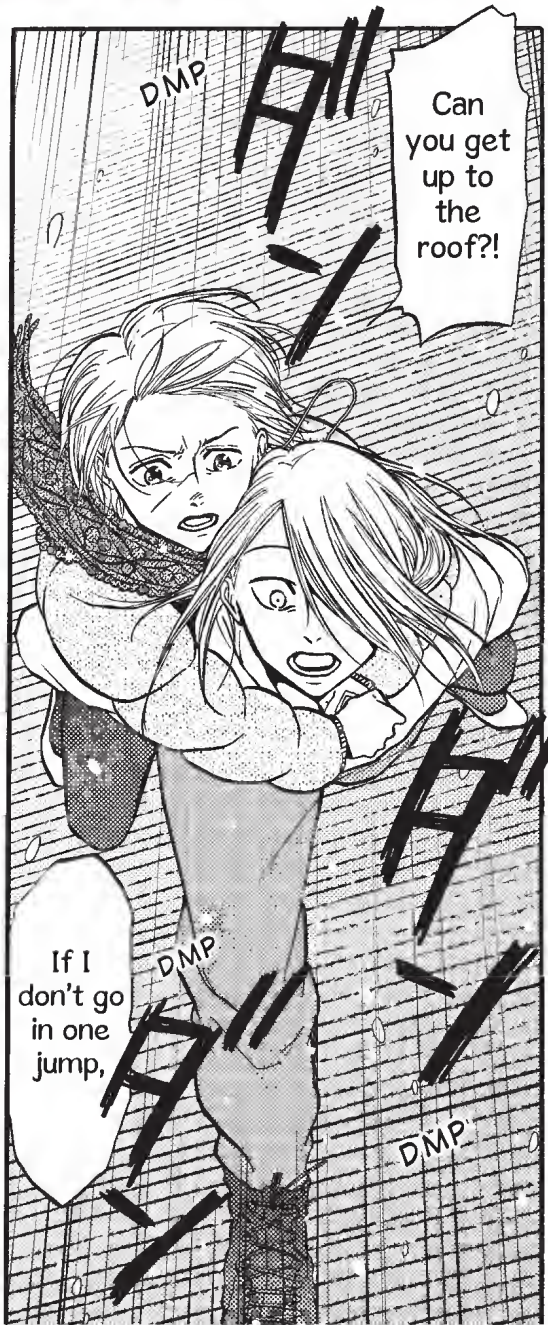

...
SHAKE
I have to—
SHAKE
SHAKE
I have to stop Kikuhara.
HOO


You can't shoot me, can you?
M P D



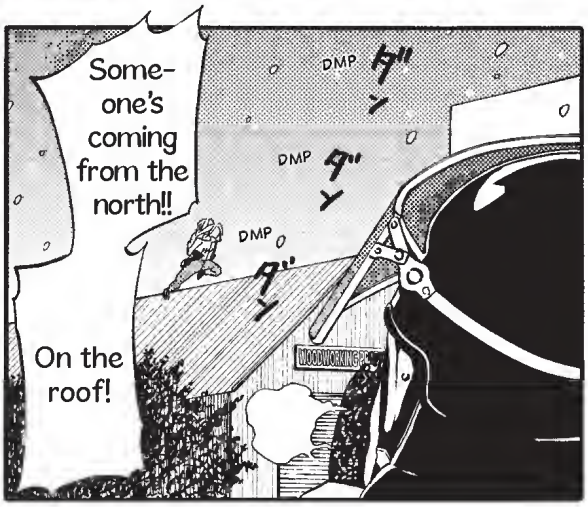

we'll be spotted. We might get shot.

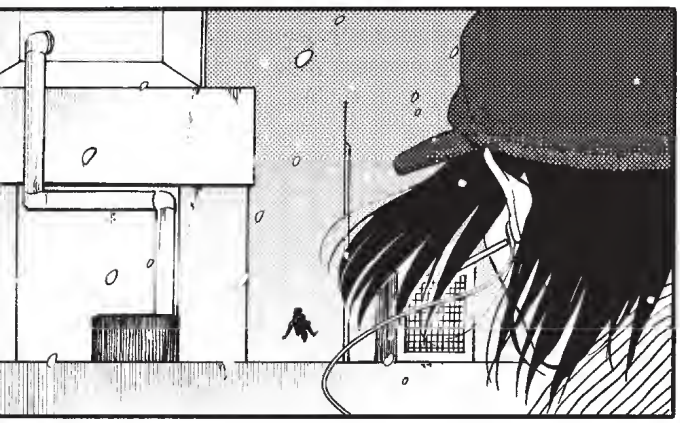

DMP
DMP
DMP
Hold on tight!


DMP
Can you get up to the roof?!
If I don't go in one jump,
DMP
DMP

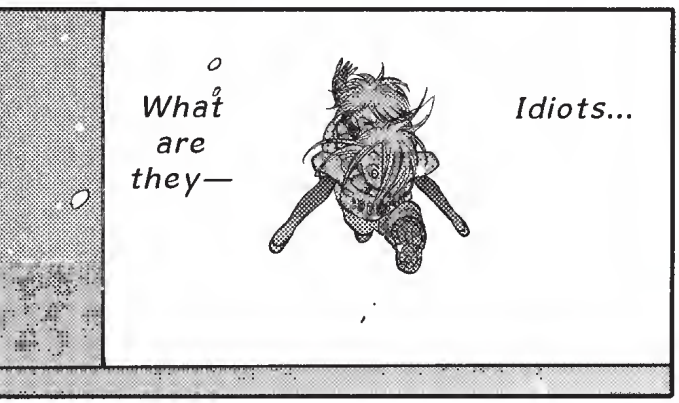

A devil ?!


!!
DMP
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POLICE


Some-one's coming from the north!!
On the roof!
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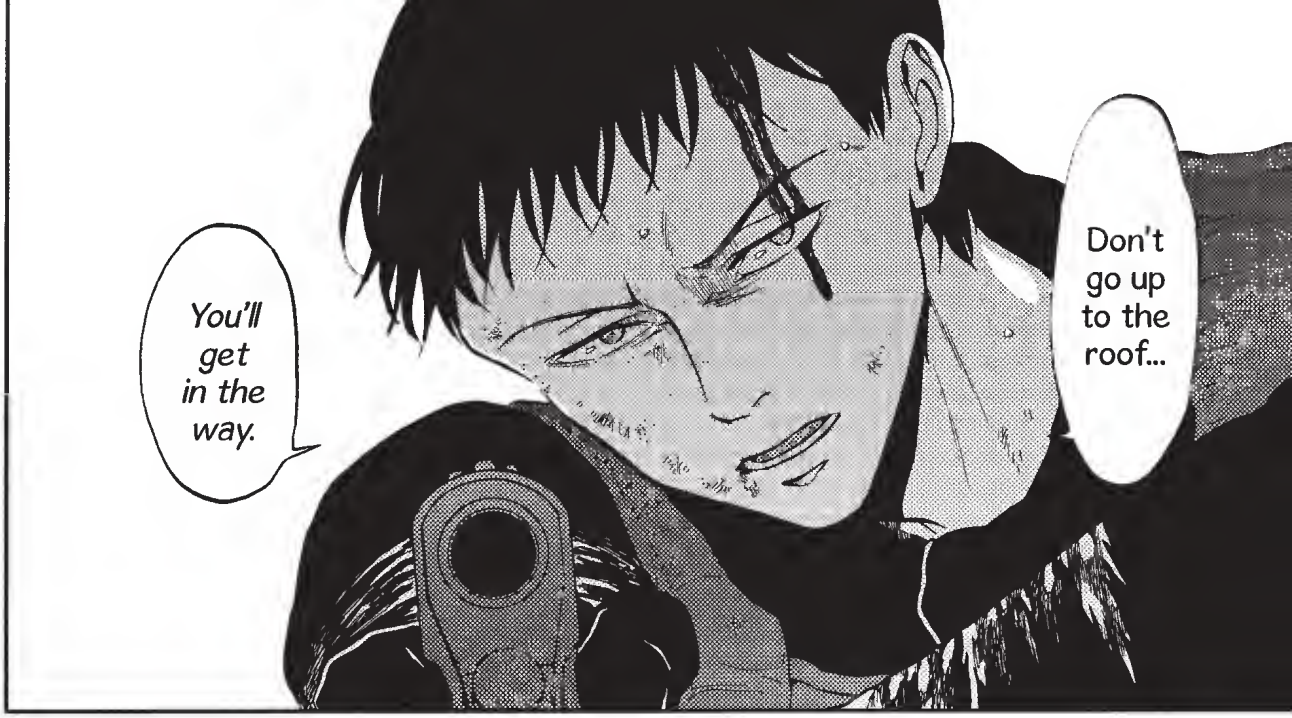


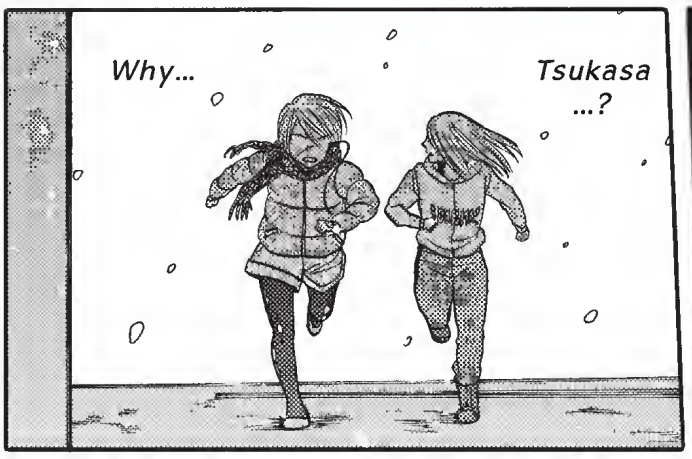

?!
ZHFF


What are they—
Idiots...


ZHUFF
Sorry.
I'm fine.
What ?!
Taira and Lee are on the roof ...?!


KZZK KZZK KZZK
OLICE
THP
I'm going up to the ro—
Call an ambulance, Asami.
Don't tell me...
Why are they here ?!
ZHFF
ZHFF
Don't move !!
Move and I shoot !!
!!
Drop your weapon !!
Don't move !!
ZHFF
ZHFF
!


You'll get in the way.
Don't go up to the roof...

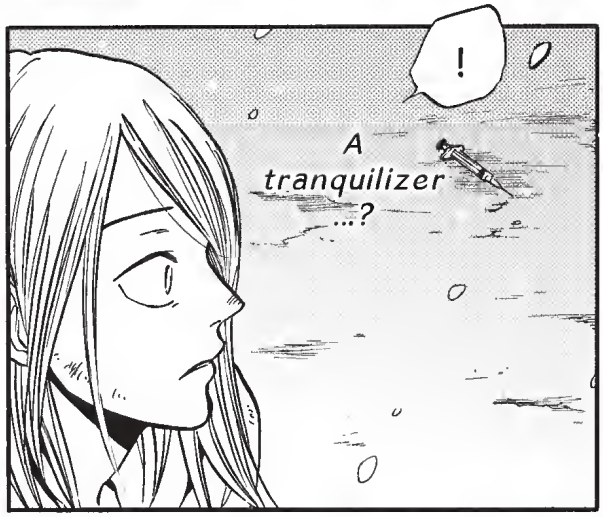

Why...
Tsukasa ...?

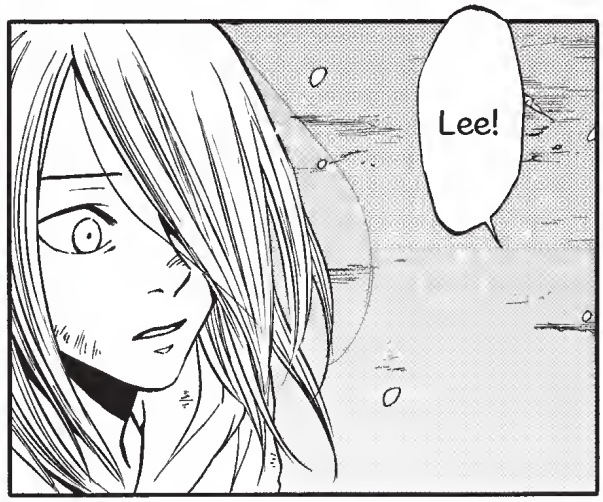

Don't... come...
Don't come here... It's dangerous.


HAAH
HAAH

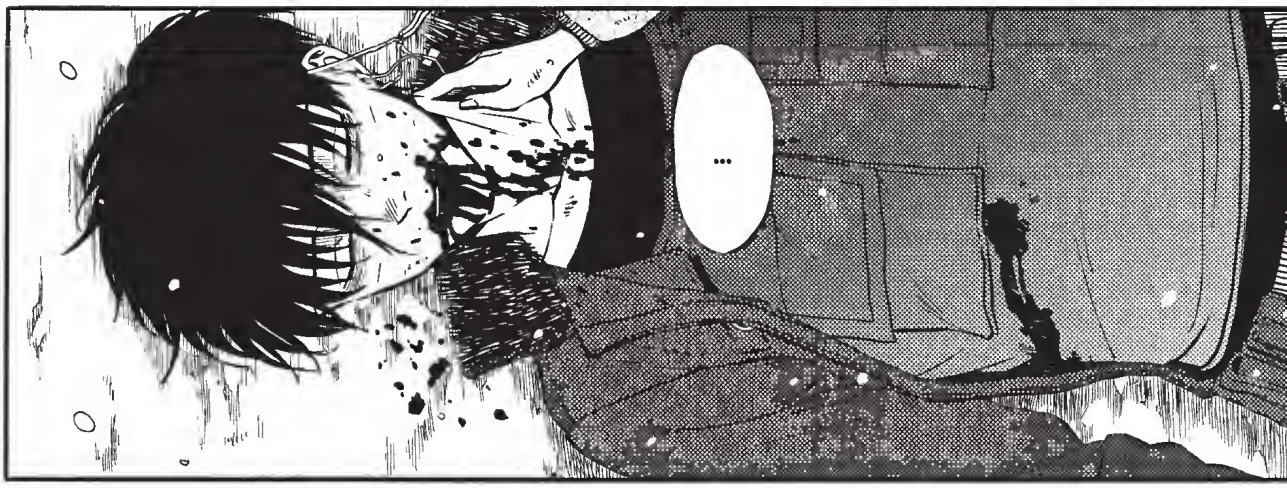

Anzai, can you hear me?!
Anzai !!


How many cc's of blood do we need to heal this wound?!

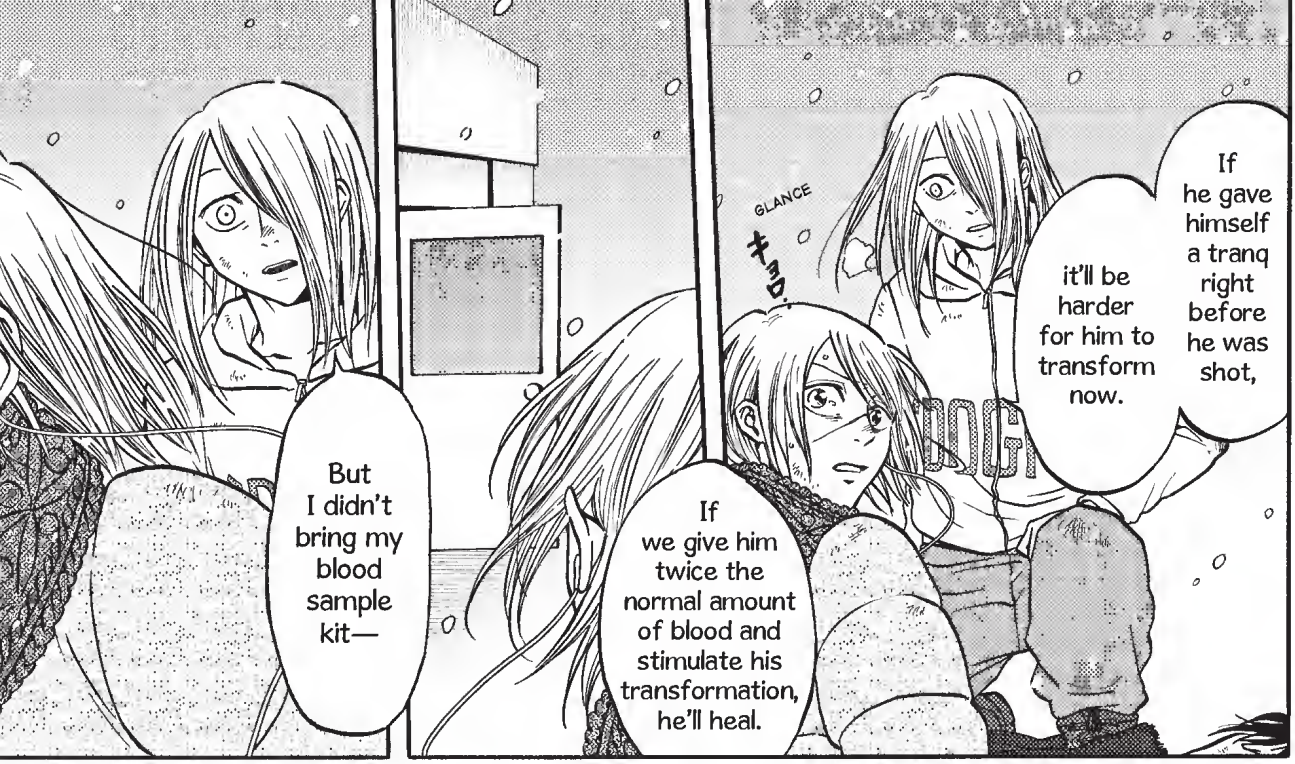

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A tranquilizer ...?

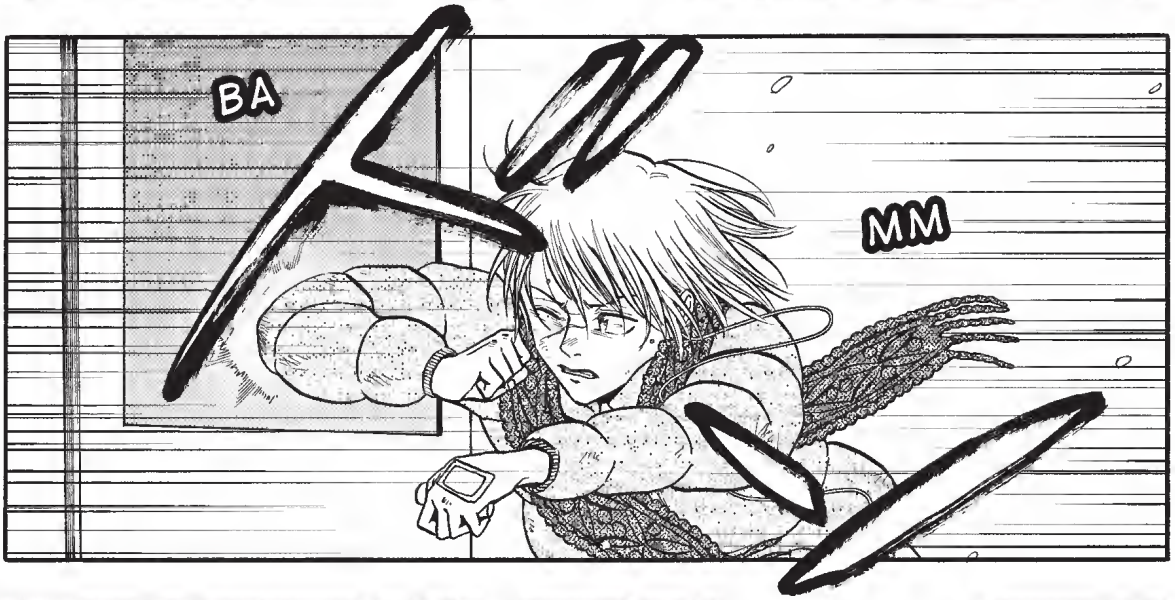

Lee!

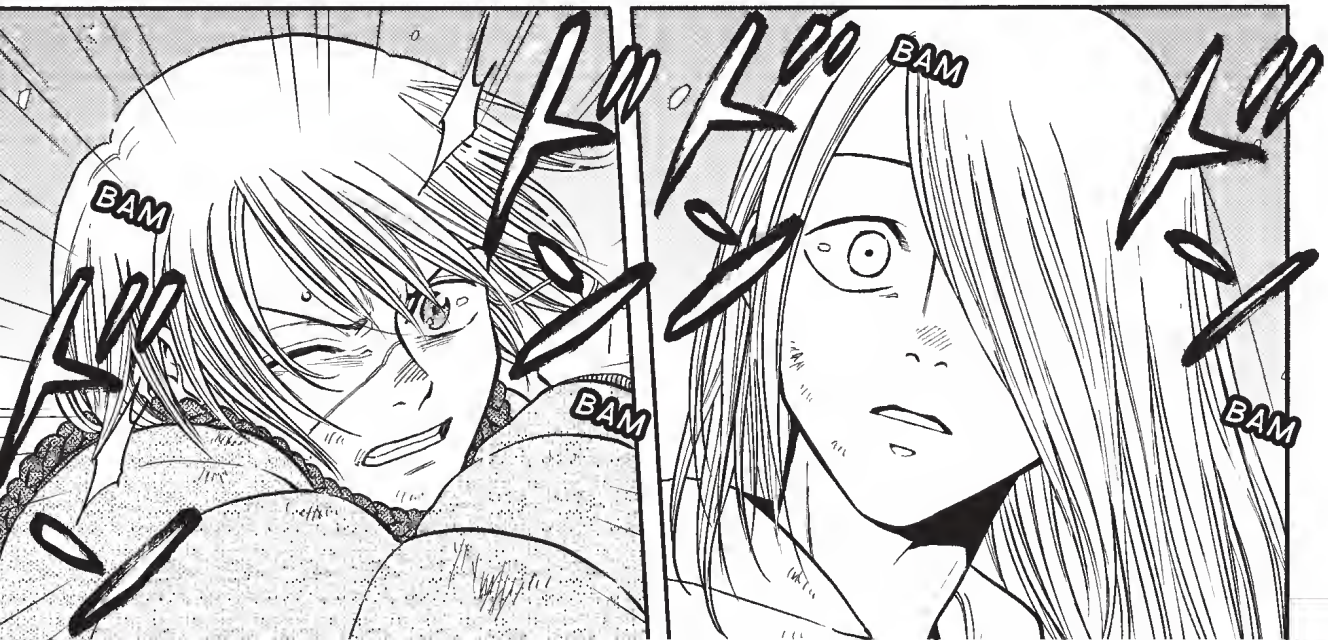

So that is why they came...
...


...

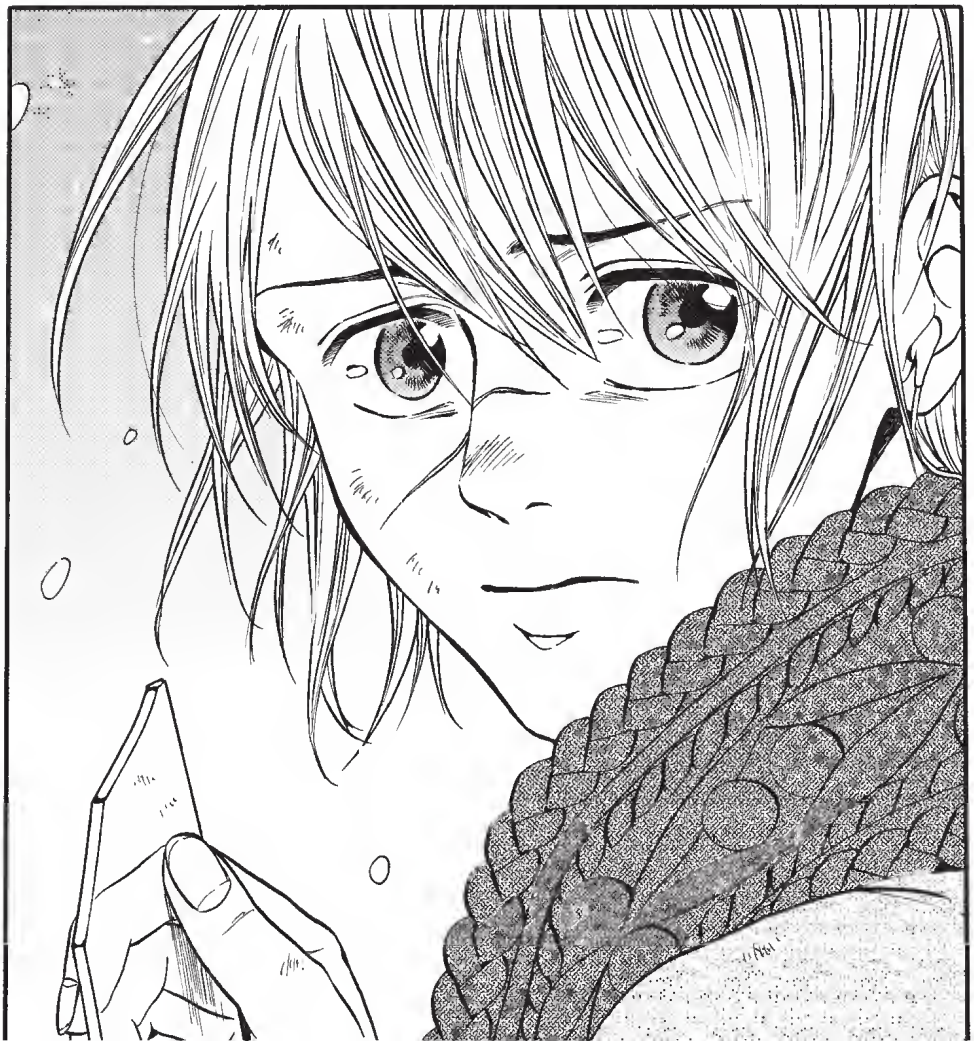

For just the wound and lost blood, 200 cc.
But right now he needs 400 cc.

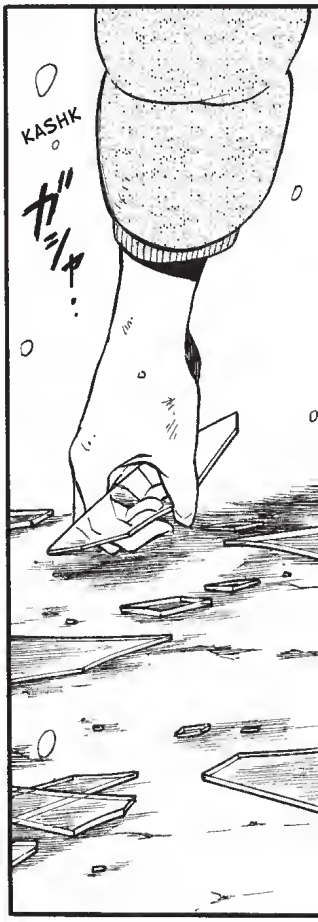

But I didn't bring my blood sample kit—
If we give him twice the normal amount of blood and stimulate his transformation, he'll heal.
GLANCE
キョロ
it'll be harder for him to transform now.
If he gave himself a tranq right before he was shot,
DOG


BA
MM


BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM


KLATTER
パラ
...
HAA
HAA
GSHAANG
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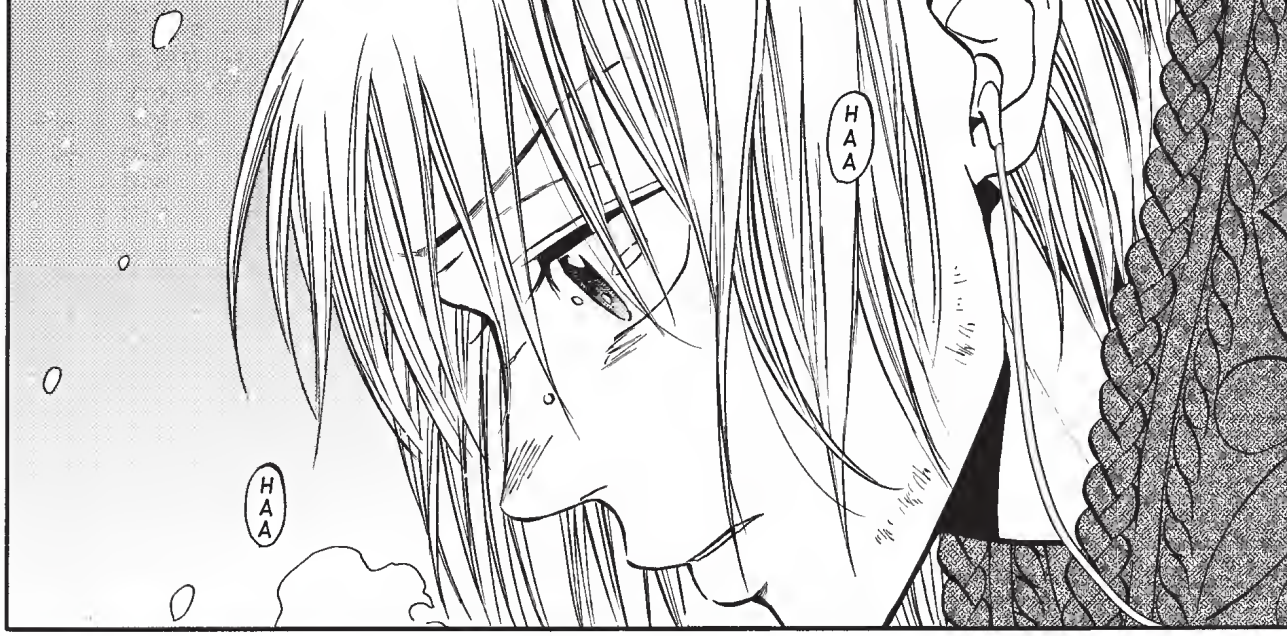



KASHK
ガシャ

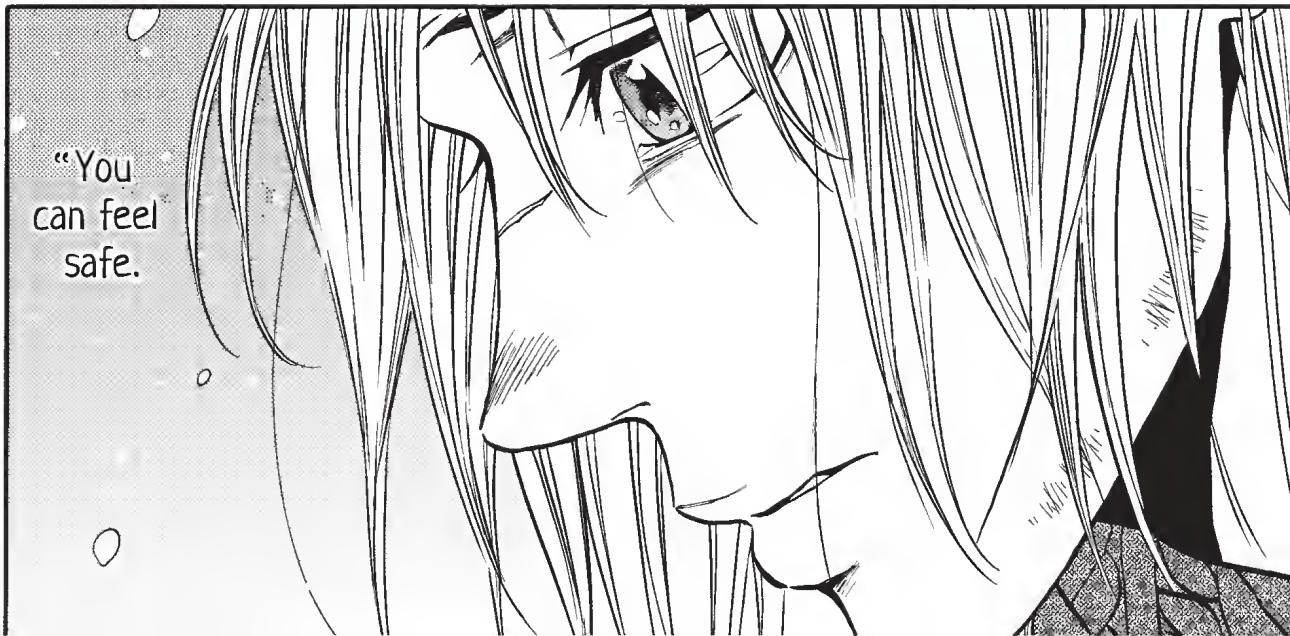

Drop your weapon right now!!
KZK KZK
Please keep the riot police back.


400 cc's is too much for you, Taira.
I'll give him blood, too.
Who are you talking to?!

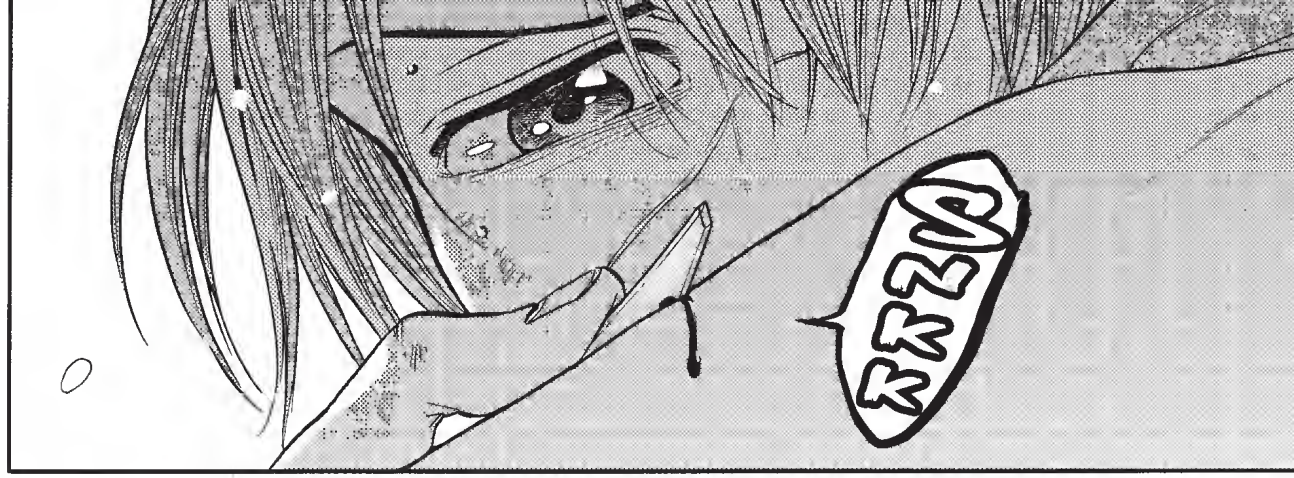

I'll close
Anzai's wound.

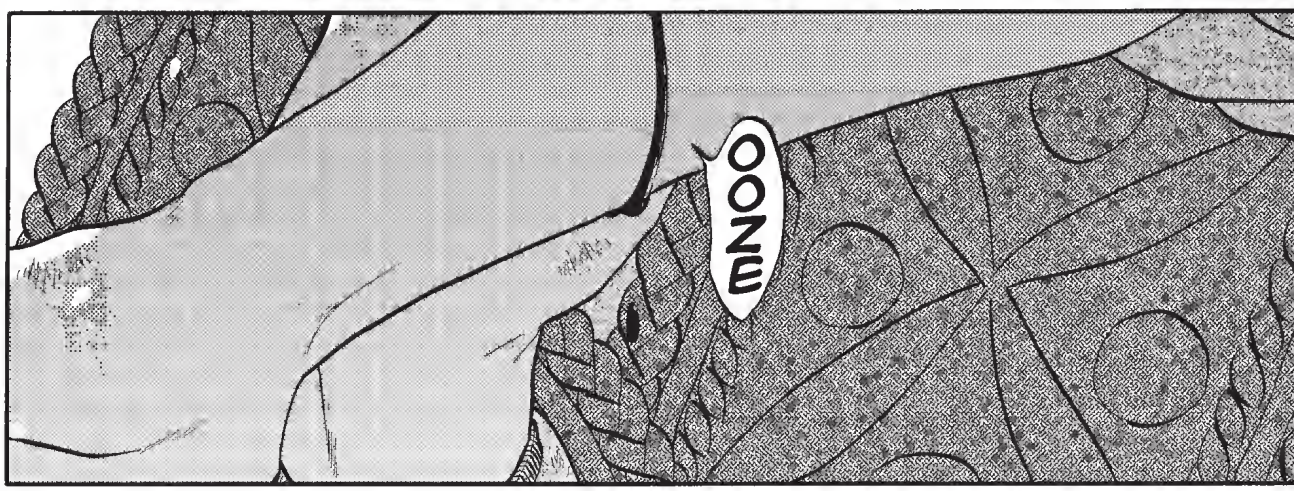

HAA
HAA




"You can feel safe.


I would totally never give you blood."
I...
I'm sorry.


ぐすんぐすん


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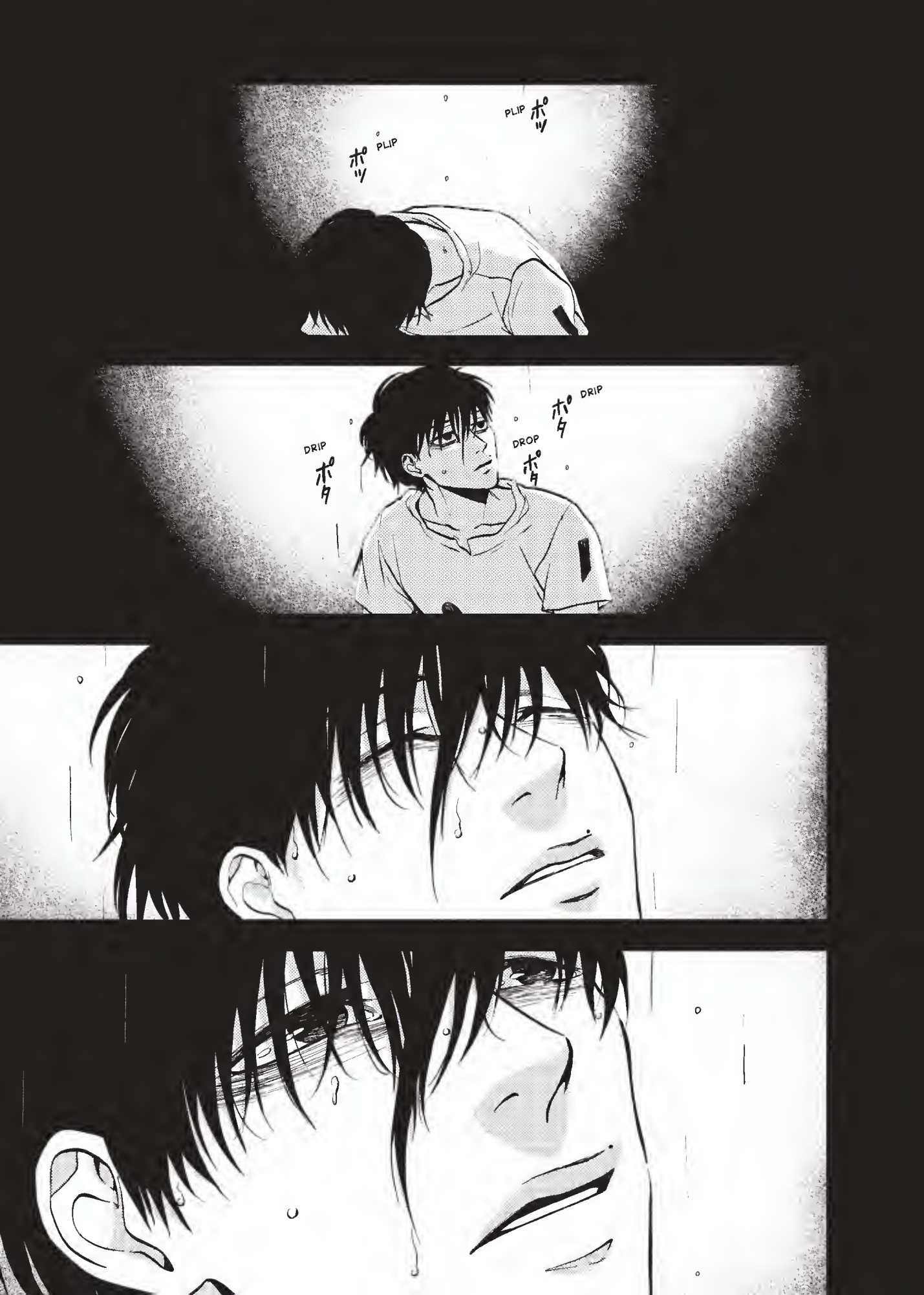

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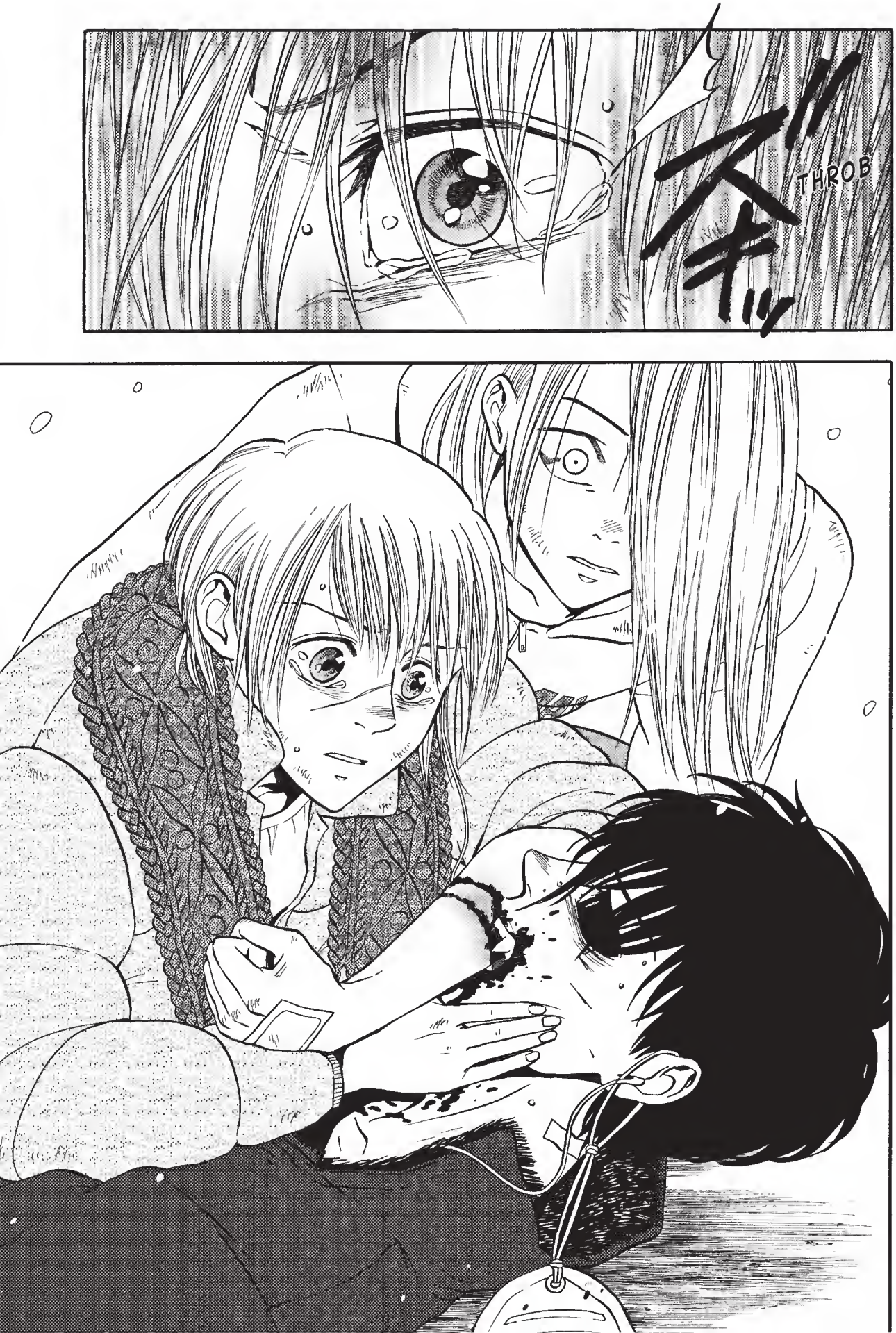

You shouldn't push it, or you'll—
GRK
It's not sharp enough ...
...
Anzai —
Bite, Anzai!
SHOVE
Wake up and bite me!!!


TWITCH
ヒク


Can you just ...
wait a second ?
Put your gun down!
This is your final warn-ing.
BANG
Taira, they've broken through!
Hurry !!
Usami, you're on the 3rd floor. Ogata and Tachibana, on the roof—
Cuff him!
POLICE
POLICE


PLIP
ポツ
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Tsukasa
...?


THROB

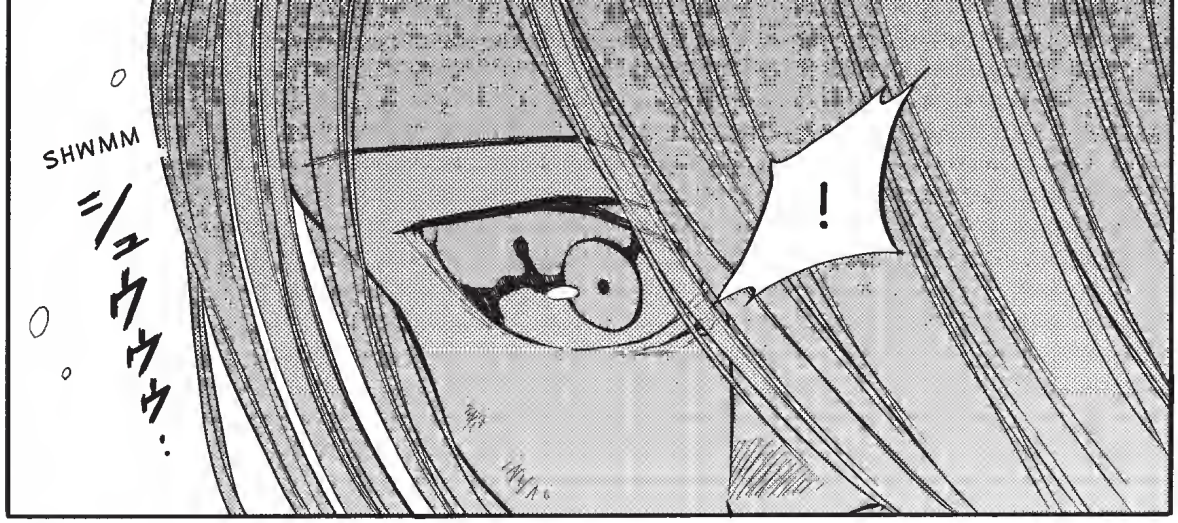

Anzai ...
Push your arm in!!
He'll bite it off!!
BAMM


!!
ZBBT
GRIK
GRIK
Don't move !! Every-one, stay where you—
THRO
Nngh ...
BB


Hold on! We're almost done!!
UUH
UUH
There's a devil on the roof.
This is Tachi-bana.
...?!
UUH
...
I'm okay.
Anzai.
...
UUH
UUH
UUH

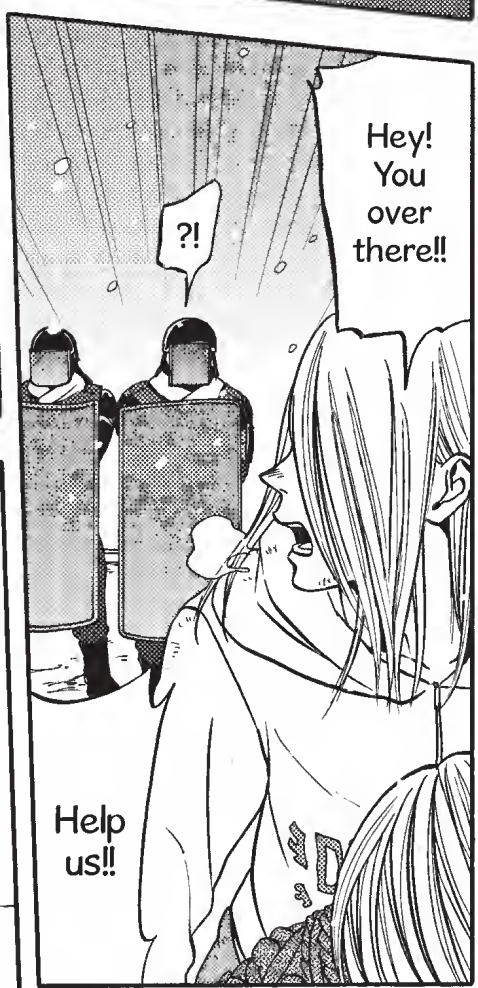

HAA
HAA
Mmn ...
TWITCH
ビク
HAA
Ah!
TWITCH
ビクッ…
Mn ...

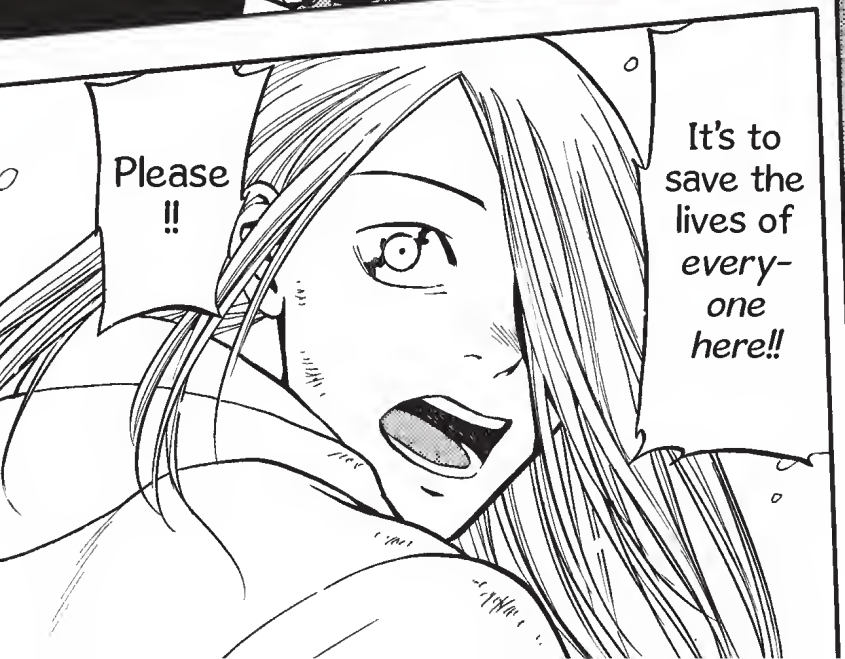

I'm okay...
So don't die on me.


SHWMM
シュウウウ…
!


ZLK'K
ズッ
The wound's starting to close up.

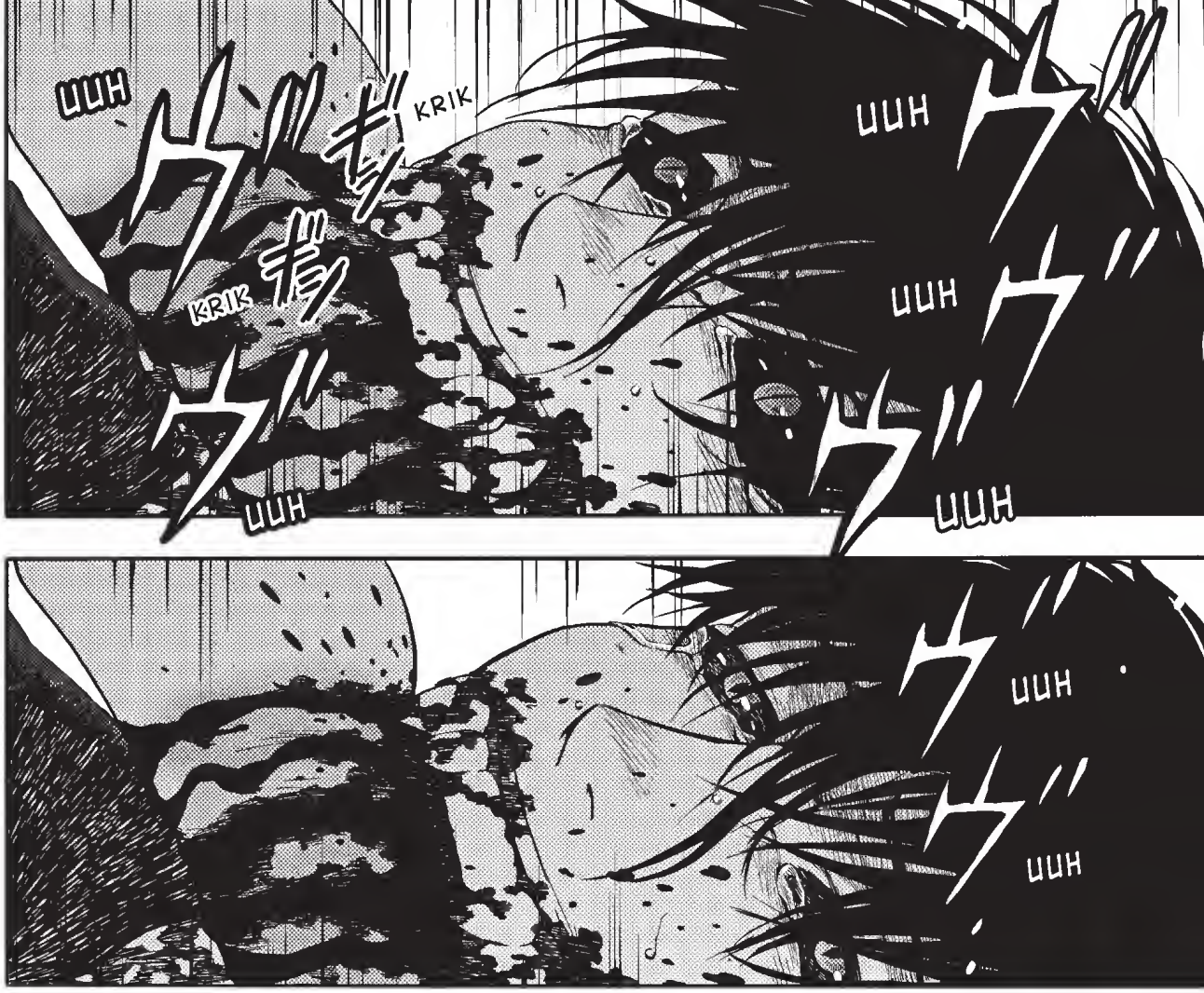

and inject him when I give you the signal?!
What ...
Can you look for a tranq in this guy's pouch


Hey! You over there!!
?!
Help us!!


Please !!
It's to save the lives of *every-one here!!*


Keep guard. If anything happens, shoot, even me !!
KASHK
POLI
Ogata ...
UUH
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
UUH
UUH
There's two kinds! Which is the tranq?!
Uh, the thick one!!
UUH
KRAK
KRIK
KRIK
UUH

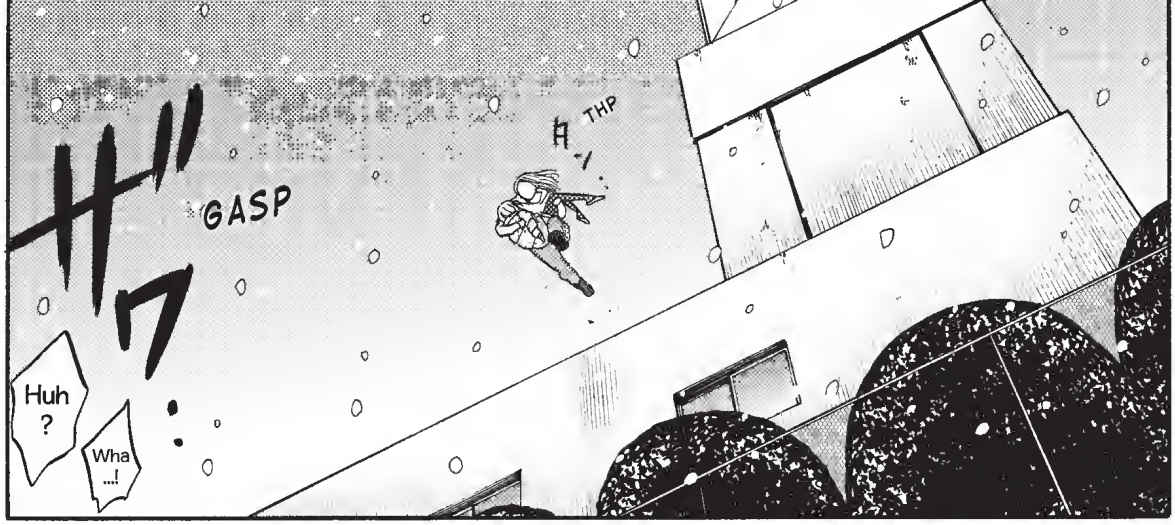

It's closing up!!
Get ready !!
ZWP
ZLKK
ZLKK
SHMP
Tranq !!!
It's closed ...!!

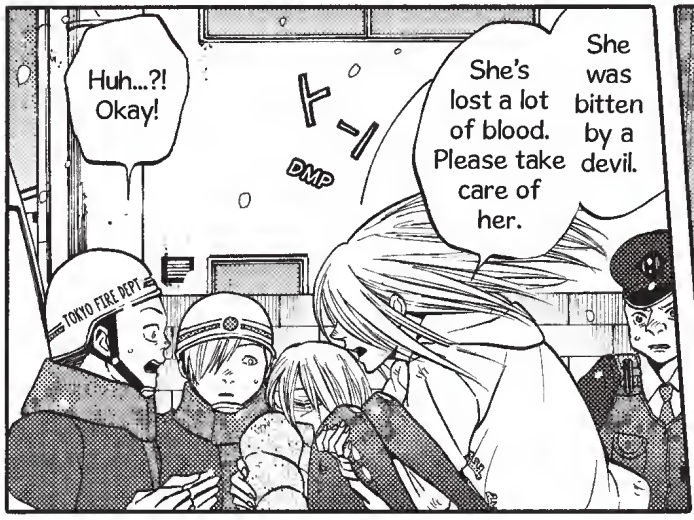

UUH
KRIK
KRIK
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UUH

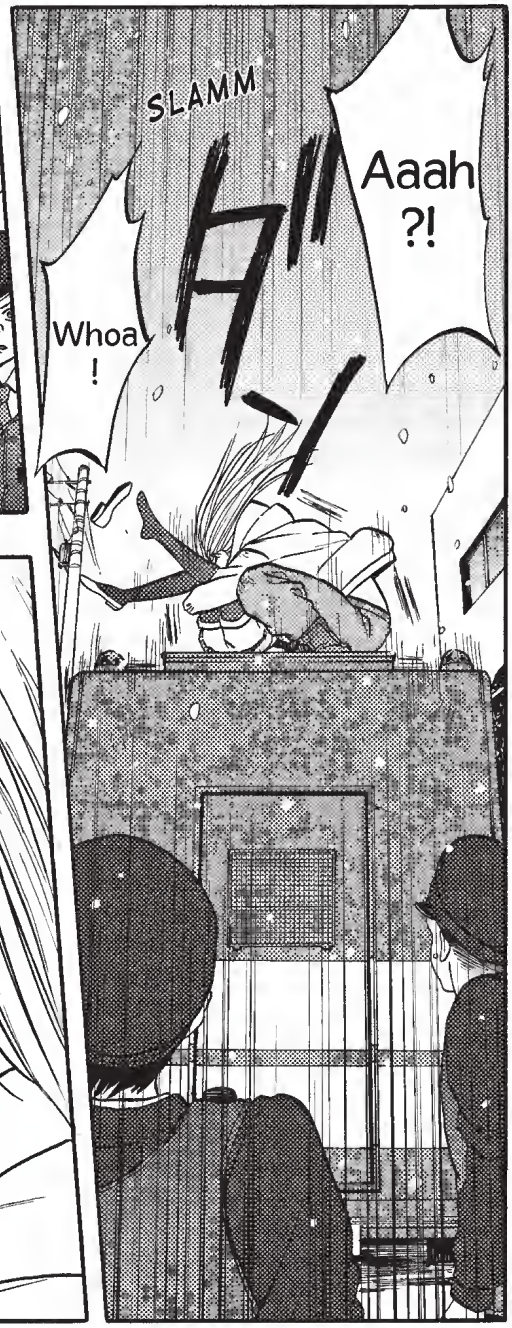

WHEW
...

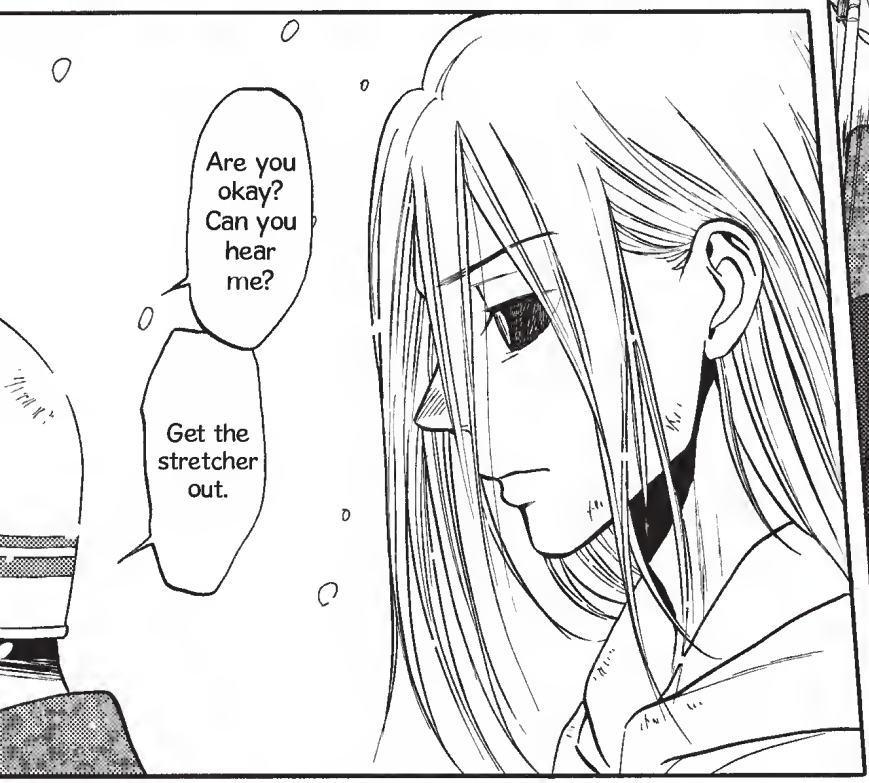

Look after him.
Don't kill him, okay? He won't go berserk.
Hold on. Just who are yo—
Is an ambulance on the way?
I-It should be arriving soon, I think.
Hey !!
DASH
THP
?!
What the...


I've got someone injured here!
Don't shoot, okay!!

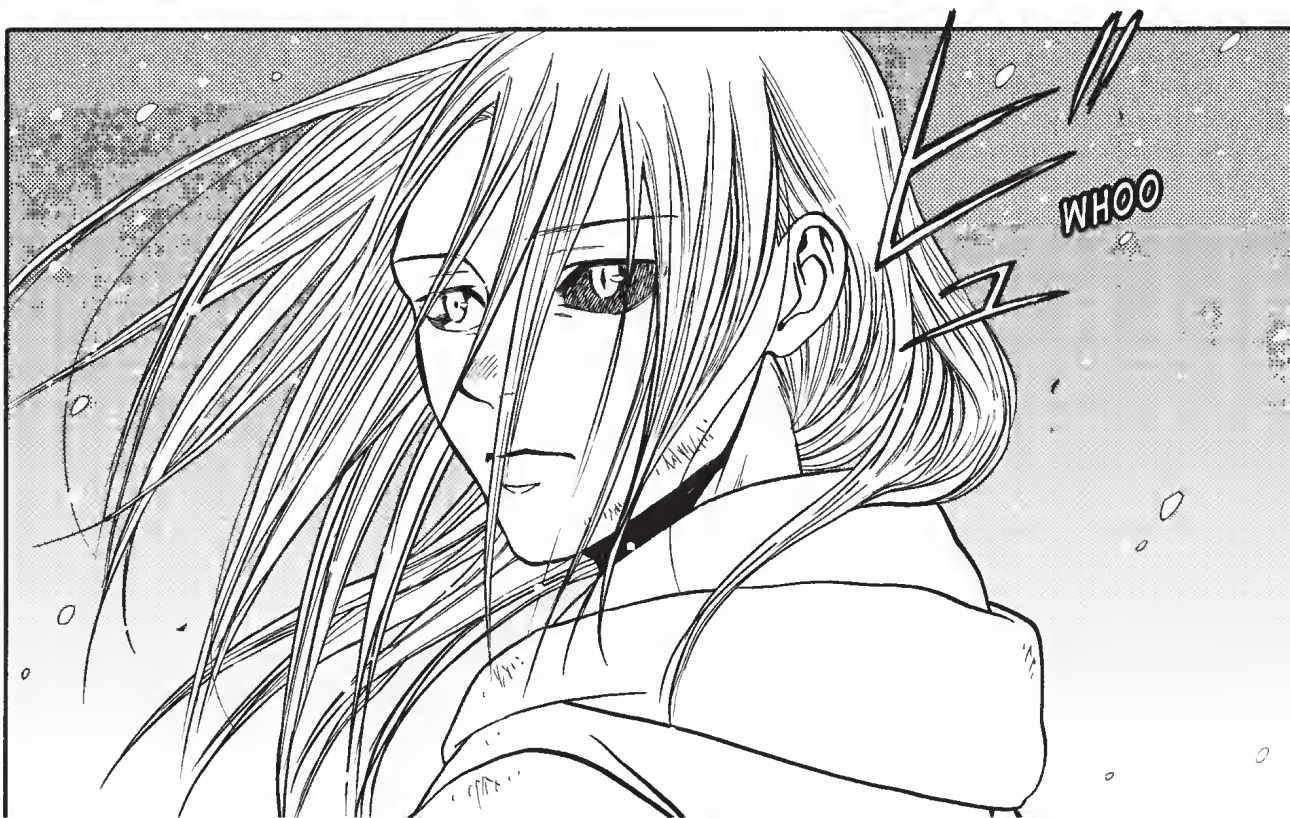

GASP
THP
Huh ?
Wha ...!


Huh...?! Okay!
DMP
She's lost a lot of blood. Please take care of her.
She was bitten by a devil.
TOKYO FIRE DEPT


SLAMM
Aaah ?!
Whoa !


Are you okay? Can you hear me?
Get the stretcher out.


...Freeze.


WHOO


We have a male devil who's been tranquilized.
We need a stretcher on the roof.
He has...
no external injuries.






...
Tsukasa
...?


Tsu-
kasa
...
ZHAA


WHSH
Eek!
Some-
one...
Doctor
Kubo
...
Ta...
Tadaya
...


You can't get down?
Who ...
You really look alike.
The ribbon on your shoulder is the mark of the Red Group,
where your father's a devil and a human mother was tasked to carry you.
You're one of the *Fifteenth Term*,
the children raised in the *sun*...


Jump.
I'll catch you.

CUT


Year-end cleaning?
Yeah. Tomorrow, everyone in the lab.
Every year, we have a year-end party afterward.
Okay, so you won't be home tomorrow ...
Yeah, uhm...
...
I'll come again the day after tomorrow or the day after that.


Hm?!
You want me to leave the balcony door unlocked?
No, no, no!
You can warm up under my *kotatsu* when you take a break from patrol.
GOOD IDEA!
... Patrol?
Right. Patrol.
Your... walking around ...?
You'll be doing this tomorrow, too, right?
...
If you're going to go that far...
O-Okay ...
Don't do it! Absolutely do not do that!!
It's too insecure, even if you're on the 3rd floor.


Going out, huh...
?
I mean, it's not like we're going out.
It'd be weird to say, "give me a spare key."
!
Anyway, I won't come tomorrow,
so lock the door.
...
...Got it.
So I'll see you the day after tomorrow.


What time does it usually last until...?
The year-end party.
Huh? Oh...
I'll be back home around midnight, I think.
Midnight's just when I'm off...
TMP
I'll stop by for just a minute on my way home.
Okay.
Got it.


Okay, well...
see you tomor-row.
Okay.
See you tomorrow.



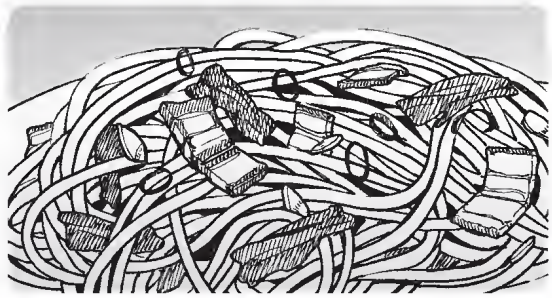
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I'm done with work.

Taira @tsukutsukutsukasa
@snowfall00009 Good job!

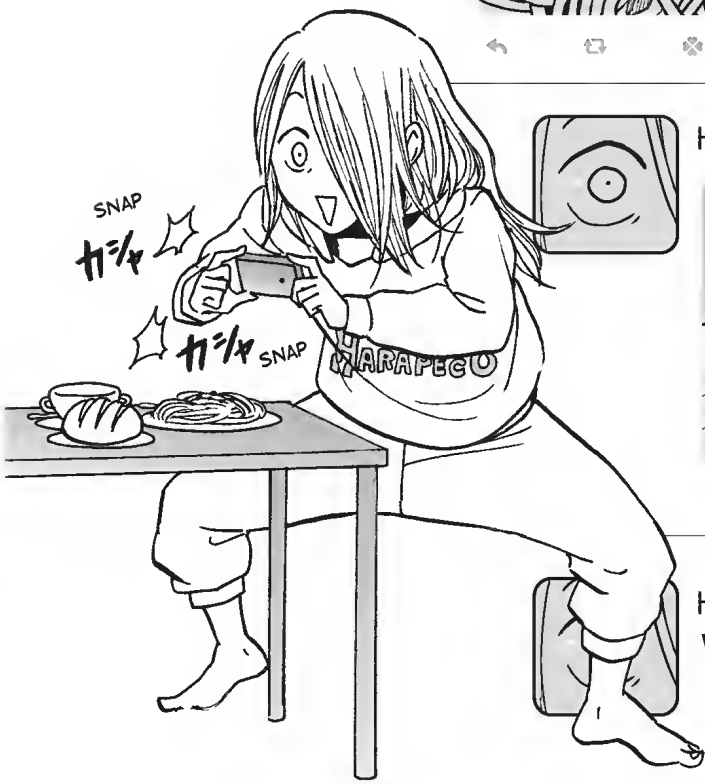
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@tsukutsukutsukasaThanks. I'll come over later.
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Hans Lee @hans_makes_revolution
Dinner! Yahooooooo!

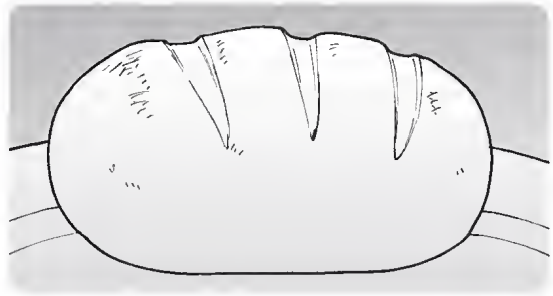
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WHOOOOOOO!!!





Q @support_tech_gardens_09
No matter what I do, there's a 2 minute time lag with the GPS.

mayu @flowerstarlovedream
Aaaaaaaah, super bored.

07 @guns_R700
The cherry blossoms are blooming on the far river bank.
1

Q @support_tech_gardens_09
@guns_R700 They are! It's spring. You wanna go check them out later? By the way, I was up all night last night, so I just woke up. I could be ready to go in 10 minutes or so.

07 @guns_R700
@support_tech_gardens_09 Roger. No need to hurry.
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mayu @flowerstarlovedream
Huh?? You guys buddies now??

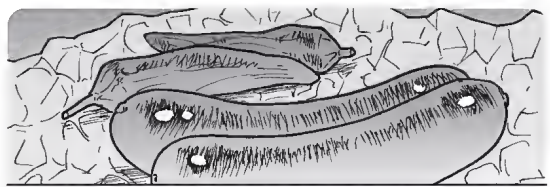
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God, super annoying.

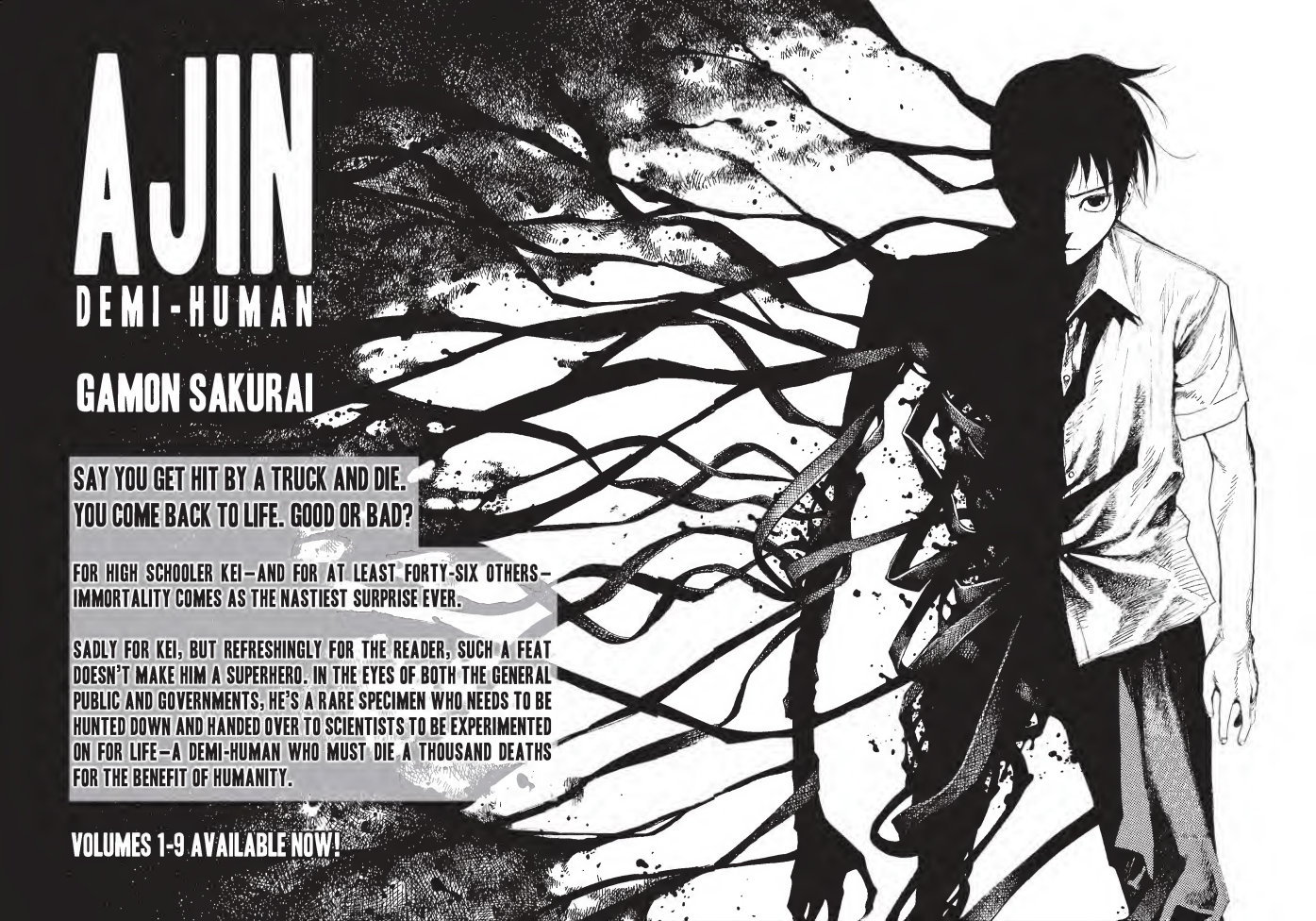
mayu @flowerstarl
I wanna go on a date.

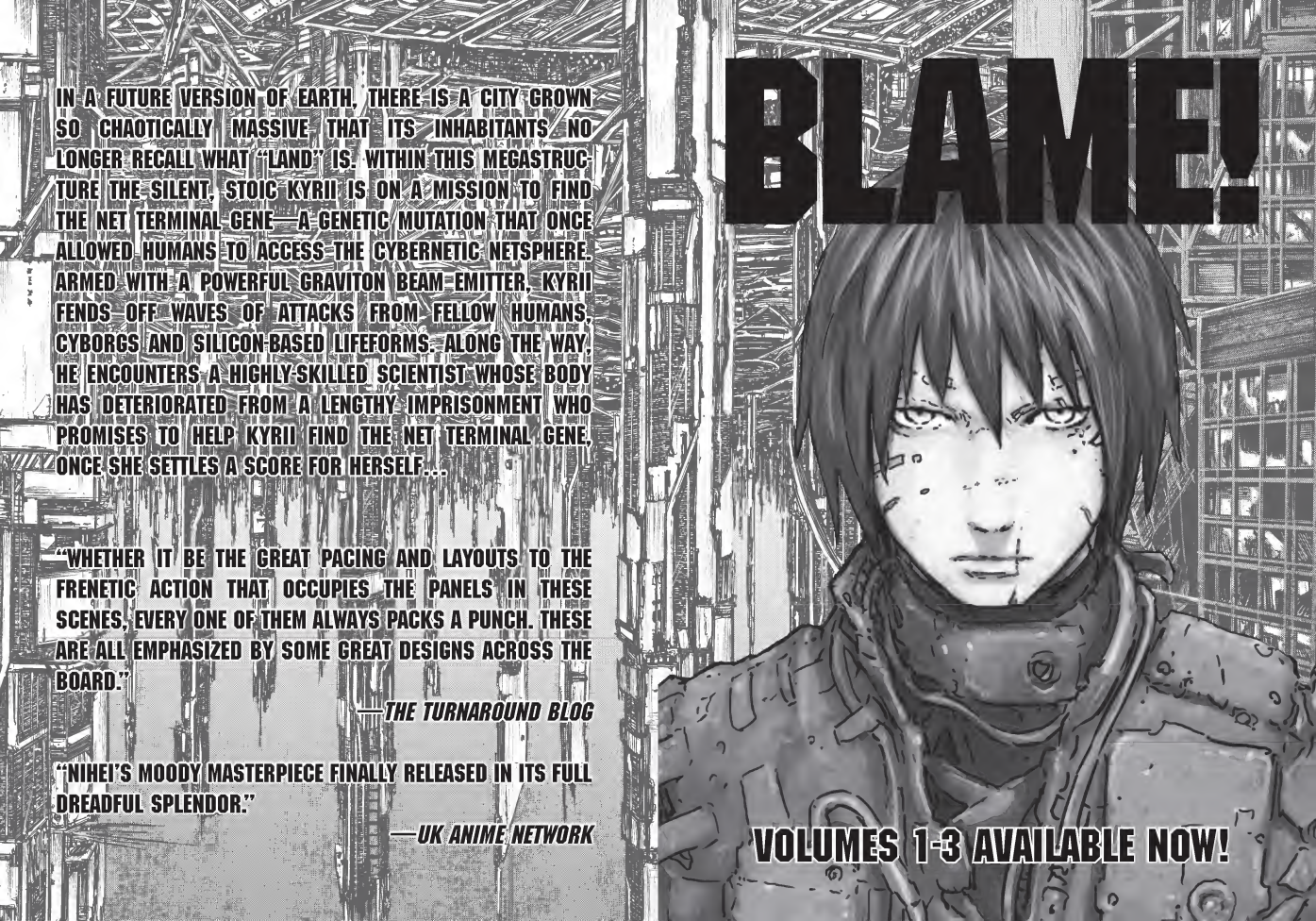


6 @corvuscorax06
@flowerstarlovedream Did you collect the info I asked for yesterday?
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Hans Lee @hans_makes_revolution




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GAMON SAKURAI
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